



# PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## SEVEN-TIME NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

34 NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES | 16 BIG TEN TITLES

### 2015 SCHEDULE & RECORD

**Overall:** 18-2 (Home: 10-1, Away: 4-1, Neutral: 4-0)

**Big Ten:** 7-2 (Home: 5-1, Away: 2-1)

#### AUGUST

Penn State Classic

28	vs. BUFFALO	W, 3-0
29	vs. STONY BROOK	W, 3-0
29	vs. VILLANOVA	W, 3-0

#### SEPTEMBER

Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge

4	vs. No. 21 COLORADO#	W, 3-0
5	vs. No. 2 STANFORD	W, 3-0

Golden Dome Invitational

11	vs. Eastern Kentucky	W, 3-0
12	vs. Mississippi State	W, 3-0
12	at Notre Dame	W, 3-0

South Florida Invitational

18	vs. Auburn	W, 3-0
19	vs. St. John's	W, 3-0
19	at South Florida	W, 3-0
23	vs. No. 16 WISCONSIN*#	W, 3-0
26	vs. No. 21 MINNESOTA*	W, 3-2

#### OCTOBER

2	vs. NEBRASKA*#	L, 3-2
3	vs. IOWA*	W, 3-0
9	at Illinois*#	W, 3-1
10	at Northwestern*	L, 3-2
16	vs. INDIANA*	W, 3-0
17	vs. PURDUE*	W, 3-0
21	at Michigan*#	W, 3-2
24	at Michigan State*	8 p.m.
28	at Ohio State*#	5 p.m.
30	vs. OHIO STATE*	7 p.m.

#### NOVEMBER

5	at Maryland*	7 p.m.
6	at Rutgers*	7 p.m.
11	at Iowa*	8 p.m.
14	at Minnesota*	8 p.m.
18	vs. MICHIGAN*	7 p.m.
21	vs. MARYLAND*	7 p.m.
25	vs. NORTHWESTERN*	7 p.m.
28	at Nebraska*	8 p.m.

#### DECEMBER

4-6	NCAA First/Second Rounds	TBA
11-12	NCAA Regionals	
	(Austin, Des Moines, Lexington, San Diego)	
17-19	NCAA Championship	Omaha, Neb.

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 •

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## WEEK 9: CLOSING OUT THE WEEK AT MICHIGAN STATE

Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015 | East Lansing, Mich. (Jenison Field House)

**NO. 5 PENN STATE (18-2)**



**RV MICHIGAN STATE (14-6)**

**NITTANY LIONS**



**Record:** 18-2

**Big Ten:** 7-2

**AVCA Poll Rank:** #5

**Head coach:** Russ Rose

**Overall Record/Yrs:** 1,179-183/37

#### GAME DAY DETAILS

**Video:** Michigan State All-Access

**Radio:** GoPSUNow

**Live Stats:** GoPSUSports.com

**Twitter:** @PennStateVBALL

**All-Time Series:** PSU leads 40-7



**SPARTAN BREAKDOWN**

**Record:** 14-6

**Big Ten:** 6-3

**AVCA Poll Rank:** RV

**Head coach:** Cathy George

**Last Outing/Result:** 10-25-14/PSU, 3-0

### FIRST SERVE

» Fifth-ranked Penn State women's volleyball hits the road for its the second match of its three-game road trip this weekend. The Nittany Lions travel to East Lansing to take on the Spartans Saturday, Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. ET in Jenison Field house.

» Penn State rallied by No. 23 Michigan in five sets (25-18, 22-25, 18-25, 25-20, 15-7) on the road in Ann Arbor in Wednesday's midweek matchup. Three Nittany Lions lifted Penn State to the victory with double digit kills, led by 18 from redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney. Sophomores Haleigh Washington and Simone Lee added 17 and 12 kills, respectively.

» PSU also commanded the advantage in the blocking margin, out-blocking Michigan 17.0-7.0, led by multi-block performances from six Nittany Lions. Sophomore Heidi Thelen matched a career-mark with nine total blocks, while Whitney added eight.

» The Nittany Lions lead 40-7 in the all-time series against Michigan State, having claimed a straight set victory against the Spartans in three of the last five meetings. Having met only once last year, Penn State captured a 3-0 win at home in Rec Hall Oct. 25, 2014.

» The Nittany Lions moved to 7-1 this year against teams ranked within the Top 25 of the AVCA Coaches' Poll after defeating the Wolverines. The matchup at No. 23 Michigan marked Penn State's sixth meeting against a top 25 opponent in its last nine matches.

» Penn State has earned 15 of its 18 victories this year by way of a 3-0 sweep, while also limiting its opponents to a .142 hitting percentage. The mark ranks fifth nationally and leads the Big Ten.

» Averaging 3.20 blocks per set on the year, Penn State owns a 221.0 - 108.5 advantage in the blocking margin against its opponents in 2015. The average ranks third nationally and leads the Big Ten. Individually, sophomore Haleigh Washington's 1.54 blocks per set ranks 10th nationally and second in the Big Ten.

» Penn State's .289 hitting clip ranks seventh in the NCAA national standings and leads the Big Ten. Helped out by Haleigh Washington's team-high .462 hitting clip, her efficiency ranks second nationally and leads the Big Ten.

» Sophomore Simone Lee has stepped up as an offensive contributor for the Nittany Lions, since entering the starting lineup against Nebraska Oct. 2. Since then, she's made starts in each of the last seven matches. Lee's led the team in kills in three of the last four outings, posting double figure kills in all four matches.

» Veterans senior Megan Courtney and redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney are also among the group of top Nittany Lion attackers with 189 and 209 kills, respectively. Averaging 3.26 kills per set, Courtney has had double-doubles (kills/digs) in each of the last six matches she's played in. Whitney's averaging 3.03 kills per set with double digit kills in eight of the last 11 matches.

» With 19 digs in the victory at Illinois, senior Megan Courtney surpassed the 1,000 career digs mark (1,038). Having already reached the 1,000 career kills plateau, Courtney is just the eighth Nittany Lion in program history to reach the 1,000 career kills/1,000 career digs milestone and the first since Deja McClendon in 2013.

» Senior Kendall Pierce has been selected as a candidate for the 2015 Senior CLASS Award. Pierce is one of 30 women's volleyball student-athletes to be named a candidate, along with one other from the Big Ten conference. The Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

» Penn State remained solid at No. 5 in the AVCA Top 25 Coaches' Poll for the second straight week. Prior to the move, Penn State was ranked No. 3, having spent the first six straight weeks of the season atop the standings at No. 1.

» Including Penn State, more than half of the Big Ten teams in the conference are featured in this week's AVCA Top 25 poll, including a season-high eight in the top 25 for the fifth week.

# 2015 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## PENN STATE AT A GLANCE

### THE UNIVERSITY

Location: ..... University Park, Pa. 16802  
 Founded: ..... 1855  
 Enrollment: ..... 46,068  
 Colors: ..... Blue & White  
 Nickname: ..... Nittany Lions  
 Conference: ..... Big Ten  
 President: ..... Dr. Eric Barron  
 Director of Athletics: ..... Sandy Barbour  
 Assoc. AD/SWA: ..... Charmelle Green  
 Facility (capacity): ..... Rec Hall (5,812)

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL STAFF

Head Coach: ..... Russ Rose (37th season)  
 Alma Mater: ..... George Williams, 1975  
 Overall Record (Yrs/Pct): ..... 1,161-180 (36/.866)  
 School Record: ..... same  
 Associate Head Coach: ..... Salima Rockwell  
 Assistant Coach: ..... Stevie Mussie  
 Director of Operations: ..... Jesse Tupac  
 Volunteer Assistant ..... Shawn Sangrey  
 Office Phone: ..... (814) 863-7474  
 Office Fax: ..... (814) 865-1746  
 Office Address: ..... 235 Rec Hall

### 2014 IN REVIEW

2014 Record: ..... 36-3  
 Home: ..... 18-1  
 Away: ..... 10-2  
 Neutral: ..... 8-0  
 Big Ten record (finish): ..... 18-2 (2nd)  
 Final AVCA Ranking: ..... No. 1  
 Postseason: ..... NCAA national champions  
 First round: ..... defeated Siena, 3-0  
 Second round: ..... defeated Dayton, 3-0  
 Regional semifinal: ..... defeated UCLA, 3-0  
 Regional final: ..... defeated Wisconsin, 3-1  
 National semifinal: ..... defeated Stanford, 3-1  
 National final: ..... defeated BYU, 3-0

### NITTANY LION HISTORY

First Year of Volleyball: ..... 1976  
 All-Time Record (Years): ..... 1,212-223-4 (39)  
 All-Time Big Ten Record: ..... 425-55  
 Years/Win Pct.: ..... 24/.885  
 Big Ten Titles: ..... 16  
 ('92, '93, '96, '97, '98, '99, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '12, '13)  
 NCAA Tournament Appearances: ..... 34  
 NCAA Tournament Record: ..... 90-27  
 NCAA National Championships: ..... 7  
 (1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014)

## 2015 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	SP	K/S	%	A/S	SA/S	D/S	B/S
2	Lara Caraway	DS	5-4	Sr.	19	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
3	Kendall Pierce	DS	5-5	Sr.	57	0.00	-.500	0.14	0.11	1.16	0.00
4	Wilma Rivera	S	5-8	Fr.	24	0.00	.000	0.88	0.21	1.17	0.00
5	Ali Frantti	OH	6-2	So.	69	2.49	.224	0.17	0.04	1.91	0.36
6	Nia Reed	OH	6-2	RS-Fr.	12	1.00	.088	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25
8	Lainy Pierce	DS	5-6	So.	22	0.00	.000	0.00	0.05	0.27	0.00
10	Carley Muller	DS	5-8	So.	11	0.00	.000	0.09	0.18	0.73	0.00
11	Tori Gorrell	MB	6-2	Fr.	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Keeton Holcomb	DS	5-6	Fr.	68	0.00	.000	0.63	0.06	3.37	0.00
13	Taylor Krause	DS	5-5	Jr.	46	0.00	.000	0.11	0.15	1.00	0.00
14	Aiyana Whitney	OH	6-3	RS-Sr.	69	3.03	.316	0.04	0.00	0.36	1.00
15	Haleigh Washington	MB	6-3	So.	69	2.71	.462	0.03	0.26	0.52	1.54
16	Jelena Novaković	RS	6-2	Fr.	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	Megan Courtney	OH	6-1	Sr.	58	3.26	.258	0.50	0.12	3.50	1.00
19	Heidi Thelen	MB	6-2	So.	52	0.62	.253	0.15	0.00	0.17	1.15
21	Bryanna Weiskircher	S	6-0	RS-Fr.	69	0.49	.211	10.46	0.33	2.29	0.65
22	Simone Lee	OH	6-0	So.	44	1.84	.255	0.02	0.02	0.30	0.48
24	Laura Broerman	DS	5-3	So.	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

### PENN STATE

**69 13.28 .289 12.39 1.12 14.17 3.20**

### OPPONENTS

**69 11.45 .142 10.80 0.74 13.23 1.57**

### Head Coach:

Russ Rose (George Williams, 1975), 37th year

### Associate Head Coach:

Salima Rockwell (Penn State, 1994)

### Assistant Coach:

Stevie Mussie (Washington, 2008)

### Director of Operations:

Jesse Tupac (UCLA)

## ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School (College)
24	Laura Broerman	Jr.	DS	5-3	Colorado Springs, Colo./St. Mary's
2	Lara Caraway	Sr.	DS	5-4	Evans City, Pa./Home Schooled
17	Megan Courtney	Sr.	OH	6-1	Dayton, Ohio/Archbishop Alter
5	Ali Frantti	So.	OH	6-2	Spring Grove, Ill./Richmond Burton
11	Tori Gorrell	Fr.	MB	6-2	Oakville, Ontario/Abbey Park
12	Keeton Holcomb	Fr.	DS	5-6	Belville, Texas/Belville
13	Taylor Krause	Jr.	DS	5-5	Allentown, Pa./Parkland High
22	Simone Lee	So.	OH	6-0	Menomonee Falls, Wis./Menomonee
10	Carley Muller	Jr.	DS	5-8	Manhattan Beach, Calif./Mira Costa
16	Jelena Novaković	Fr.	RS	6-2	Belgrade, Serbia/Tourism High School
3	Kendall Pierce	Sr.	DS	5-5	Eden, N.Y./Eden
8	Lainy Pierce	So.	DS	5-6	Eden, N.Y./Eden
6	Nia Reed	RS-Fr.	OH	6-2	Fort Lee, N.J./Immaculate Heart Academy
4	Wilma Rivera	Fr.	S	5-8	Carolina, Puerto Rico/Saint Francis School
19	Heidi Thelen	So.	MB	6-2	Edgewood, Ky./Notre Dame Academy
15	Haleigh Washington	So.	MB	6-3	Colorado Springs, Colo./Doherty High School
21	Bryanna Weiskircher	RS-Fr.	S	6-0	Loves Park, Ill./Boylan Catholic
14	Aiyana Whitney	RS-Sr.	OH	6-3	Norwood, N.J./Northern Valley Regional

## PRONUNCIATIONS

Aiyana	I-YAH-nuh	Broerman	Bro-er-man
Jelena	Yell-AYE-nuh	Muller	MULL-ler
Novaković	Nova-CO-vick	Thelen	Th-EE-len
Keeton	KEY-ton	Frantti	Fran-TEE
Holcomb	HOLE-comb	Bryanna	Bree-yah-nuh
Lara	Lar-uh	Weiskircher	Weis-KIR-Ch-er

# 2015 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## AROUND THE BIG TEN

### 2015 PRESEASON BIG TEN POLL

#### 1. PENN STATE

2. Nebraska
3. Illinois
4. Wisconsin
5. Minnesota
6. Michigan State
7. Purdue
8. Ohio State
9. Michigan
10. Northwestern
11. Iowa
12. Indiana
13. Maryland
14. Rutgers

### 2015 BIG TEN STANDINGS

Team	Overall		Big Ten	
	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.
Nebraska	16-2	.889	7-1	.875
Minnesota	15-3	.833	7-1	.875
<b>PENN STATE</b>	<b>18-2</b>	<b>.900</b>	<b>7-2</b>	<b>.778</b>
Ohio State	18-3	.857	7-2	.778
Purdue	15-4	.789	6-2	.750
Michigan State	14-6	.700	6-3	.667
Michigan	15-5	.750	5-4	.556
Wisconsin	12-6	.667	4-4	.500
Northwestern	12-7	.632	4-4	.500
Illinois	12-7	.632	3-5	.375
Indiana	12-8	.600	2-6	.250
Rutgers	4-17	.190	1-8	.111
Iowa	10-11	.476	0-8	.000
Maryland	10-13	.435	0-9	.000

### ALL-TIME RECORDS vs. 2015 OPPONENTS

#### NON-CONFERENCE

Team	W-L	Last
Buffalo	4-0	PSU, 3-0 (8/28/15)
Stony Brook	1-0	PSU, 3-0 (8/29/15)
Villanova	15-0	PSU, 3-0 (8/29/15)
Colorado	6-1	PSU, 3-0 (9/4/15)
Stanford	10-8	PSU, 3-0 (9/5/15)
Eastern Kentucky	7-1	PSU, 3-0 (9/11/15)
Mississippi State	1-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/12/15)
Notre Dame	9-1	PSU, 3-0 (9/12/15)
Auburn	1-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/18/15)
St. John's	3-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/19/15)
South Florida	3-0	PSU, 2-0 (9/19/15)

#### BIG TEN

Team	W-L	Last
Wisconsin	46-7	PSU, 3-0 (9/23/15)
Minnesota	45-8	PSU, 3-2 (9/26/15)
Nebraska	10-15	NEB, 3-2 (10/2/15)
Iowa	48-0	PSU, 3-0 (10/3/15)
Illinois	42-10	PSU, 3-1 (10/9/15)
Northwestern	48-9	NU, 3-2 (10/10/15)
Purdue	52-6	PSU, 3-0 (10/16/15)
Indiana	49-1	PSU, 3-0 (10/17/15)
Michigan	47-3	PSU, 3-2 (10/21/15)
Michigan St.	40-7	PSU, 3-0 (10/25/14)
Ohio St.	44-14	PSU, 3-0 (11/27/14)
Rutgers	26-9	PSU, 3-0 (11/7/14)
Maryland	20-5	PSU, 3-0 (11/22/14)

## FOLLOW THE "LEE-DER"

Sophomore Simone Lee has stepped up as an offensive contributor for the Nittany Lions, since entering the Penn State lineup against Nebraska Oct. 2. Since then, she's made starts in each of the last seven matches. Lee's led the team in kills in three of the last four matches, posting double figure kills in all four outings. She opened the streak with a career-high 14 kills at Northwestern before powering the Penn State offense with 10 and 12 kills against Indiana and Purdue, respectively. Most recently, she put down 13 kills on the road at No. 23 Michigan. In the last four matches, Lee's averaging 3.06 kills per set on .320 hitting.

## WEEK 9: AVCA TOP 25 COACHES' POLL UPDATE

Penn State remained solid at No. 5 in the AVCA Top 25 Coaches' Poll for the second straight week. Prior to the move, Penn State was ranked No. 3, having spent the first six straight weeks of the season atop the standings at No. 1. Including PSU, this week's poll features more than half of the Big Ten conference teams with eight teams in the top 25. Michigan State is also receiving votes.

## BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK ... AGAIN.

After helping Penn State to a pair of wins in its first week of Big Ten conference play, sophomore Haleigh Washington earned Big Ten Player of the Week honor, splitting the award with Northwestern's Maddie Slater. The award marks Washington's second consecutive Big Ten Player of the Week honor, as well as her third overall this season. In total, Washington's now garnered six career Big Ten Weekly awards. Washington helped the No. 1 Nittany Lions to wins against two Top 25 opponents with back-to-back double digit kill performances, posting a team-high .488 hitting percentage during the week. She opened the week with 11 kills on 14 perfect swings for a .786 hitting efficiency in a straight set victory against No. 16 Wisconsin. Washington then tallied 13 kills in a five-set victory against No. 21 Minnesota. She also led the PSU blocking unit, averaging 1.25 blocks per set in the undefeated week.

## WASHINGTON EARNS BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS

Following a 3-0 weekend on the road at the USF Invitational, sophomore Haleigh Washington earned Big Ten Player of the Week honors. The award is Washington's second Big Ten Player of the Week award this season, as well as her fifth-career Big Ten Weekly honor. Washington led the team with a .735 hitting percentage in an undefeated weekend on the road that featured wins against Auburn, St. John's and South Florida. Finishing second on the team with 27 kills, she highlighted the weekend with a pair of double figure kill performances. She also led the blocking unit with 1.56 blocks per week.

## PENN STATE EARNS USF INVITATIONAL ALL-TOURNAMENT NODS

Sophomore Haleigh Washington earned USF Invitational All-Tournament team honors. Red-shirt senior Aiyana Whitney and redshirt freshman Bryanna Weiskircher joined her on the All-Tournament team. In addition to back-to-back double figure kill performances, Washington also logged her first double digit dig performance of the season with a career-high 11 total blocks. Her 11 blocks in the win against St. John's is the second highest single match total in a 3-set match in Penn State program history.

## NITTANY LIONS ON THE GOLDEN DOME INVITE ALL-TOURNEY TEAM

Senior Megan Courtney highlighted a Nittany Lion trio that earned Golden Dome Invitational All-Tournament team honors. Courtney was tabbed the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, while redshirt freshman Bryanna Weiskircher and sophomore Ali Frantti each earned All-Tournament team honors. Courtney closed out the weekend with her third double-double of the season at Notre Dame. She finished tied for second on the team with 14 kills, adding 15 digs against the Fighting Irish. Frantti had back-to-back double figure kill performances in the same day, leading the offense with 11 kills against Mississippi State before tying for first on the squad with 14 kills against Notre Dame. Weiskircher paced the team to a .355 team hitting percentage during the week, including a .361 hitting clip against Eastern Kentucky. Against Mississippi State, she logged a career-high five total blocks.

## KENDALL'S GOT CLASS

Senior Kendall Pierce has been selected as a candidate for the 2015 Senior CLASS Award. Pierce is one of 30 women's volleyball student-athletes to be named a candidate, along with one other from the Big Ten conference. The Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities. A health policy and administration major, she was honored as a 2014-15 Big Ten Distinguished scholar. Pierce also earned back-to-back Academic All-Big Ten selections from 2013-14. [Academic and community service info on pg. 12]

## WASHINGTON NAMED CO-BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK

After helping top-ranked Penn State women's volleyball to a pair of wins against nationally ranked opponents, sophomore Haleigh Washington earned Big Ten Co-Player of the Week honors. Washington shares the honor with Ohio State's Taylor Sandbothe. Washington led the team with 3.33 kills per set on .515 hitting in a 2-0 week that featured straight set wins against No. 21 Colorado and No. 2 Stanford.

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## AVCA TOP 25 COACHES' POLL

Poll #9 • Oct. 19, 2015

NO.	SCHOOL	PTS.	REC.	LW
1	USC (64)	1600	20-0	1
2	Texas	1528	16-1	2
3	Nebraska	1454	16-2	3
4	Washington	1418	17-1	4
5	<b>PENN STATE</b>	<b>1322</b>	<b>17-2</b>	<b>5</b>
6	Ohio State	1243	18-2	7
7	Kansas	1176	18-0	9
8	Hawai'i	1161	18-1	8
9	Minnesota	1076	15-3	11
10	UCLA	1027	15-3	12
11	Stanford	976	11-5	6
12	BYU	892	17-2	13
13	Arizona State	769	15-4	10
14	Arizona	669	13-7	14
15	Florida	649	13-4	17
16	Wisconsin	606	12-6	15
17	Florida State	602	15-4	18
18	Illinois	553	12-7	16
19	Purdue	454	15-4	18
20	Colorado State	434	15-3	21
21	Kentucky	383	13-6	20
22	Western Kentucky	244	21-2	22
23	Michigan	184	15-4	23
24	Louisville	119	14-4	25
25	Oregon	58	10-7	24

**RECEIVING VOTES:** San Diego 37; Ohio 28; Colorado 24; SMU 24; Long Beach State 17; Michigan State 15; Creighton 14; Arkansas State 12; North Carolina 12; Missouri 10; Santa Clara 3; Arkansas 2

\*2015 opponents in italics

## PENN STATE PRESENCE IN THE COACHES' POLL

Preseason Aug. 12: #1

Aug. 31: #1

Sept. 7: #1

Sept. 14: #1 (unanimous)

Sept. 21: #1 (unanimous)

Sept. 28: #1

Oct. 5 #3

Oct. 12: #5

Oct. 19: #5

## 20-KILL & 20-DIG PERFORMANCES

### MEGAN COURTEY

KILLS	OPPONENT	DATE
22	#21 Minnesota	9/26/2015
23	#1 Stanford	12/13/2014
21	Northwestern	11/22/2013

TOTAL: 3 career, last vs. No. 21 Minnesota (9/26/15)

DIGS	OPPONENT	DATE
23	Northwestern	10/10/2015
22	#4 Nebraska	10/2/2015
22	Minnesota	10/9/2013
20	Wisconsin	12/21/2013

TOTAL: 4 career, last vs. Northwestern (10/10/15)

### KEETON HOLCOMB

DIGS	OPPONENT	DATE
23	#4 Nebraska	10/2/2015
20	Mississippi State	9/12/2015
20	Notre Dame	9/12/2015

TOTAL: 3 career, last vs. No. 4 Nebraska (10/2/15)

## WELCOME TO THE BLOCK PARTY

Penn State's commanded the advantage in the blocking margin against its opponents this year. To date, Penn State has out-blocked its opponents 221.0 - 108.5, averaging 3.20 blocks per set, which ranks third nationally and leads the conference. Individually, sophomore Haleigh Washington's 1.54 blocks per set ranks 10th nationally and second in the Big Ten. Sophomore Heidi Thelen's 1.15 blocks per set ranks second on the team and 10th in the league.

Penn State has out-blocked its opponent in 18 matches this season, out-blocking each of those teams by an average of at least six blocks. The Nittany Lions tied Stanford in the blocking margin (7.0-7.0) and have been out-blocked just once this season by Minnesota (11.0-13.0).

## DEFENSIVELY SPEAKING

Penn State has limited its opponents to .142 hitting this season, which ranks first in the Big Ten standings and fifth nationally. PSU has held nine opponents to .097 or lower hitting efficiency and five between .135-.196. Only Stanford (.267) and Iowa (.283) have hit .250 or better against the Nittany Lions. Penn State has only been out-hit by a team three times this season, in matches against Minnesota (.198/.216), Nebraska (.164/.173) and at Northwestern (.193/.211). Despite getting out-hit by the Golden Gophers, PSU outlasted Minnesota in five sets to claim a close 3-2 win.

## HERE COME THE BROOMS

Penn State has earned 15 of its 18 victories this season by way of a 3-0 sweep. Penn State has also limited Eastern Kentucky, Mississippi State and St. John's to less than 45 total points in a single match, holding the Colonels to a season-low 41 total points. The Red Storm had 43 and Bulldogs had just 42.

## THE MORE THE MERRIER

Redshirt freshman setter Bryanna Weiskircher has directed the Nittany Lions to a .289 hitting percentage, which ranks seventh nationally and leads the Big Ten. Weiskircher has also paced four of her top attackers to .255 or better hitting, led by sophomore Haleigh Washington's .462 hitting clip, which ranks second nationally and leads the Big Ten.

Redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney's .316 hitting percentage is second on the team and 13th in the conference, while senior Megan Courtney's .258 clip is third. Sophomore Simone Lee's .255 hitting efficiency is fourth on the team. Averaging 3.26 kills per set, Courtney has had double-doubles (kills/digs) in each of the last six matches she's played. Whitney's averaging 2.71 kills per set with double digit kills in eight of the last 11 matches.

## WINNING TRADITION IN REC HALL

Including a 10-1 mark in 2015, Penn State owns a 574-32 (.947) all-time record at home in Rec Hall. After last week's home victories, Penn State is 262-18 all-time in conference matches on the court at Rec Hall. Only Ohio State has defeated the Nittany Lions on their home court more than three times, having topped PSU five times. Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan State and Nebraska are the only four teams to beat PSU at home more than once.

## COURTNEY REACHES CAREER MILESTONE

Against Iowa, senior Megan Courtney's 12 kills lifted her to the 1,000 career kills milestone. With 19 digs at Illinois, she surpassed the 1,000 career digs mark (1,038). Achieving the mark, Courtney is just the eighth Nittany Lion in program history to reach the 1,000 career kills/1,000 career digs milestone and the first since Deja McClendon in 2013.

*Penn State All-Time 1,000 kill/1,000 Nittany Lions*

1.	2,142/1,150	Megan Hodge, 2006-09*
2.	1,842/1,005	Terri Zemaitis, 1994-97
3.	1,631/1,176	Deja McClendon, 2010-13*
4.	1,438/1,522	Noelle Zientara, 1987-90
5.	1,245/1,278	Laura Cook, 1994-97
6.	1,234/1,167	Vida Kernich, 1983-86
7.	1,136/1,153	Carrie Shonveld, 1996-99
8.	<b>1,036/1,038</b>	<b>Megan Courtney, 2012-Pres.*</b>

\* indicates rally scoring era

## A GREAT WEEKEND AT THE GOLDEN DOME INVITATIONAL

Freshman libero Keeton Holcomb had a career-high weekend at the Golden Dome Invitational. Holcomb averaged 5.33 digs per set during the weekend that featured three consecutive 3-0 wins. She highlighted the weekend with back-to-back 20-dig performances in the same day against both Mississippi State and Notre Dame. On the year, Holcomb's leading the team with 3.50 digs per set, which ranks 11th in the Big Ten standings.

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## CAREER COUNTDOWN!

### KILLS

MILESTONE	NAME	# TO GO
300 kills	Simone Lee	84
400 kills	Haleigh Washington	5
600 kills	Ali Frantti	37
800 kills	Aiyana Whitney	64
1,100 kills	Megan Courtney	64

### BLOCKS

MILESTONE	NAME	# TO GO
100 blocks	Simone Lee	54
	Heidi Thelen	33
300 blocks	Aiyana Whitney	96
	Haleigh Washington	98
400 blocks	Megan Courtney	60

### DIGS

MILESTONE	NAME	# TO GO
100 digs	Aiyana Whitney	11
	Lainy Pierce	75
200 digs	Kendall Pierce	59
300 digs	Ali Frantti	9
	Keeton Holcomb	71
1,100 digs	Megan Courtney	62

## CAREER RECORD BOOK WATCH

### KILLS PER SET

#	RECORD	NAME
10.	3.37	Laura Cook, 1991-94
11.	3.33	Ashley Pederson, 2001-04
12.	3.31	Leanne Kling, 1989-92
13.	3.30	Deja McClendon, 2010-13
14.	3.08	JoAnn Elwell, 1987-90
15.	2.97	Marcia Leap, 1982-85
16.	2.96	Noelle Zientara, 1987-90
17.	2.95	<b>Ali Frantti, 2014-Pres.</b>

### HITTING PERCENTAGE

#	RECORD	NAME
1.	.468	Arielle Wilson, 2007-10
2.	<b>.463</b>	<b>Haleigh Washington, 2014-Pres.</b>
3.	.433	Christa Harmotto, 2005-08
4.	.412	Melissa Walbridge, 2004-07
5.	.405	Katie Slay, 2010-13
6.	.391	Lauren Cacciamani, 1996-99
7.	.386	Lori Barberich, 1981-84
8.	.385	JoAnn Elwell, 1987-90
9.	.381	Nia Grant, 2011-14
10.	.372	Blair Brown, 2007-10
11.	.367	Cara Smith, 2000-03
12.	.350	Blair Brown, 2007-10
13.	.340	Cassy Salyer, 2003-06
14.	.336	Alisha Glass, 2006-09
15.	.326	Nicole Fawcett, 2005-08
16.	.325	Noelle Zientara, 1987-90
17.	.324	Elizabeth Ramirez, 1986-89
18.	.321	Leanne Kling, 1989-92
19.	.319	Megan Hodge, 2006-09
20.	<b>.309</b>	<b>Aiyana Whitney, 2011-Pres.</b>

## WE'LL TAKE THE FIRST ONE

Penn State is 19-1 on the year when winning the first set. The Nittany Lions have only surrendered the first set once this season, dropping a 25-18 decision on the road at Northwestern before an eventual 3-2 loss.

## WASHINGTON BLOCKING HER WAY INTO THE RECORD BOOK

In Penn State's 3-0 win against St. John's, sophomore Haleigh Washington led a group of five multi-block performers with a career-high 11 total blocks. Her tally is the second highest single-match total in a 3-set match in Penn State program history.

## BIG TEN/PAC-12 CHALLENGE ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

With a pair of multi-block performances and a team-high hitting clip against No. 2 Stanford, sophomore Haleigh Washington earned Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament team honors. Washington led the team eight kills against No. 21 Colorado before logging 12 kills on .526 efficiency against the Cardinal. Redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney and senior Megan Courtney joined her on the All-Tournament team. Whitney finished tied for first on the team with 13 kills on .440 hitting against Stanford. Courtney had a team-high 12 digs against No. 21 Colorado before registering a double-double against Stanford with 11 kills and 13 digs.

## STREAKING!

Penn State holds the four of the top five winning streaks in Big Ten history. Penn State's most recent record-setting 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. Penn State's 33-match winning streak, dating back to Oct. 17, 2014 was snapped three weeks ago in a 3-2 loss to fourth-ranked Nebraska.

## TOP FIVE BIG TEN WINNING 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)
- 33 - Penn State (10/17/14 - 10/2/15)  
- snapped vs. Nebraska (10/2/15)

## THREE EARN PENN STATE CLASSIC ALL-TOURNAMENT HONORS

Following back-to-back double-digit kill performances in the same day, senior Megan Courtney earned Penn State Classic Most Outstanding Player honors. Redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney and sophomore Ali Frantti each earned spots on the All-Tournament team.

Courtney led the team with 11 kills on .647 hitting against Stony Brook before returning later in the evening to lead the team with a double-double (16 kills, 13 digs) against Villanova. Whitney finished the week ranked second on the team with 3.44 kills per set, having posted 11 kills on .400 hitting vs. Buffalo and 14 kills on 429 hitting against Villanova. Frantti was third on the team with 2.44 kills per set last week and third with 2.33 digs per set. She had 10 kills against Stony Brook and a career-high 12 digs against Villanova.

## PENN STATE TOPS AVCA PRESEASON POLL RANKINGS

Penn State women's volleyball earned the No. 1 overall ranking in the 2015 AVCA Preseason Coaches' Poll for the second consecutive season. Penn State is among six Big Ten schools to be ranked within the AVCA Top 25 and one of four conference programs to be voted within the top 10. Penn State received 54 of a possible 64 votes in the preseason poll.

Tied at No. 5, Nebraska and Wisconsin join the Nittany Lions in the top five, while Illinois rounds out the top 10 at No. 8. Ohio State is slated No. 14 and Michigan State is slotted No. 19. Purdue, Minnesota and Michigan also represent the league in the poll, as all three are receiving votes. Since 2007, Penn State has been ranked within the top three of every AVCA preseason poll, having also been voted No. 1 a total of six times (2008-11, 2014-15).

## WHITNEY JOINS BIG TEN FOREIGN TOUR

Redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney joined the inaugural Big Ten Women's Volleyball Foreign Tour this summer. For the first time in conference history, Big Ten volleyball student-athletes from all 14 schools traveled overseas to both compete, and participate in community services initiatives. Whitney and the Big Ten Volleyball Foreign Tour Team traveled to Slovenia, Croatia and Italy this summer, opening the trip in Maribor, Slovenia. Northwestern's Keylor Chan served as the team's head coach.

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## SCOUTING THE OPPONENT

### PENN STATE VS. MICHIGAN STATE

Series: Penn State leads 40-7

#### Last Three

Date	Site	Result
10/25/2014	H	PSU, 3-0
12/13/2013	N	PSU, 3-1
11/2/2013	A	PSU, 3-0

#### By the Numbers

At Penn State.....	PSU, 21-3
At Michigan State.....	PSU, 18-4
At neutral sites.....	PSU, 1-0
Current streak.....	PSU, W3

#### Tale of the Tape

PSU	Stat	MSU
18-2.....	2015 Record	14-6
13.28.....	K/S	14.31
.289.....	Hitting %	.255
14.17.....	D/S	14.70
3.20.....	B/S	2.49
1.12.....	SA/S	1.11

## KEY MATCHES FROM THE SERIES

**Oct. 25, 2014 - 26-24, 25-17, 25-21**

**PSU 3, MSU 0 - University Park, Pa. - Rec Hall**

Then-No. 7 Penn State women's volleyball recorded its 17th straight set victory of the season with a 3-0 win against Michigan State at home in Rec Hall.

Aiyana Whitney and freshman Ali Frantti led the offense with a pair of double-digit kill performances. Whitney tallied a team-high 12 kills while Frantti followed close behind with 11 on a squad-best .409 hitting percentage.

Haleigh Washington rounded out the defensive effort with a team-high three blocks.

**Nov. 2, 2013 - (25-14, 25-18, 25-20)**

**PSU 3, MSU 0 - East Lansing, Mich. - Jenison Field House**

Seniors Deja McClendon and Ariel Scott led then-No. 2 Penn State women's volleyball to a straight-set victory at No. 14 Michigan State Saturday evening at Jenison Field House.

McClendon led the offense with 14 kills on .423 hitting, adding eight digs and one block. Scott followed closely behind with 13 kills, recording a .462 hitting clip, while also tallying six digs and four blocks.

Megan Courtney added four kills on .250 hitting, while also chipping in four digs and one block.

**Sept. 27, 2013 - (23-25, 24-26, 25-19, 25-19, 9-15)**

**MSU 3, PSU 2 - University Park, Pa. - Rec Hall**

Despite career high efforts from Micha Hancock and Megan Courtney, then- No. 1 Penn State women's volleyball team came up short in a tough five-set battle against No. 15 Michigan State in the Nittany Lions' Big Ten opener at home in Rec Hall.

Courtney notched her second double-double of the season with a career-high 15 kills and 14 digs, while Hancock tallied nine kills, dishing out 57 assists. Senior Ariel Scott led the squad with a season-high 18 kills, adding eight digs and five blocks, including one solo block.

## NITTANY LIONS ALL-TIME AGAINST MICHIGAN STATE

vs. Michigan St.	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	%	D/S	B/S
L. Caraway	1-1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0.00	0.00

**HIGHS:** Has played in one match against the Spartans, during the 2013 season.

M. Courtney	14-4	33	2.36	9	87	.276	1.93	0.64
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**HIGHS:** Logged 15 kills against MSU at home Sept. 27, 2013, hitting .282 (15-4-39) ... Recorded six total blocks in her first career match against the Spartans Nov. 24, 2012, adding one solo stuff. Had four assists in the most recent outing between the two teams, 9/25/14.

A. Frantti	3-1	11	3.67	2	22	.409	0.67	0.33
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**HIGHS:** Recorded 11 kills on .409 hitting (11-2-22) in the most recent meeting between Penn State and Michigan State, Oct. 25, 2014 ... Also had two digs and a block in the October outing at home in Rec Hall.

T. Krause	1-1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0.00	0.00
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**HIGHS:** Made her debut in the series vs. the Spartans in one set during the 2013 season.

K. Pierce	9-3	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0.22	0.00
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**HIGHS:** Had two digs against Michigan State at home Sept. 27, 2013.

L. Pierce	2-1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0.50	0.00
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**HIGHS:** Had one dig against MSU in the most recent meeting at home, Oct. 25, 2014.

H. Washington	3-1	5	1.67	2	11	.273	0.33	1.00
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**HIGHS:** Put away five kills on .273 hitting in her first outing against the Spartans at home Oct. 25, 2014 ... Also added a team-high three blocks, including one solo stuff.

A. Whitney	5-3	12	2.40	4	23	.348	0.20	0.40
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**HIGHS:** Led the team with 12 kills in the most recent between Penn State and Michigan State, Oct. 25, 2014 ... Hit .365 (12-4-22) in the October meeting, adding one dig and two blocks.

## 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 six times between the Big Ten Network and ESPNU. All other matches will be streamed live on GoPSUsports.com or on BTN Plus.

### PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL REMAINING TV MATCHES

Date	Opponent	Network
Oct. 28	at Ohio State	ESPNU - live

Penn State will also live stream every home match on BTN Plus. Each participating Big Ten school will also air the PSU remaining conference road matches available via BTN Plus.

## PENN STATE ANNOUNCES LIVE AUDIO IN 2015

Beginning in 2015, Penn State fans worldwide will be able to tune into a live audio broadcast. The audio broadcast will be available exclusively on GoPSUsports.com and offered to all fans free of charge. This weekend's matches will feature current Penn State's Jack Milewski on play-by-play, joined by PSU junior defensive specialist Laura Broerman.

## PENN STATE IN SEASON-OPENERS

PSU improved to 32-7-1 all-time in season-openers after sweeping Buffalo in the first match of the season. The win against the Bulls marks PSU's fourth consecutive season-opening victory.

## NITTANY LIONS NAMED BIG TEN PRESEASON FAVORITE

Penn State earned the No. 1 ranking in the 2015 Big Ten Preseason Coaches' Poll, marking the 10th time in the last 11 years the Nittany Lions have been picked to win the league. The Big Ten Preseason poll is selected by votes from all 14 conference head coaches.

## PRESEASON ALL-BIG TEN NITTANY LIONS

Penn State is well represented on the Big Ten Preseason All-Big Ten team, with more selections than any other conference program this year. 2015 Big Ten Freshman of the Year Haleigh Washington highlights Penn State's four preseason All-Big Ten honorees as a unanimous selection. Redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney, senior Megan Courtney and sophomore Ali Frantti round out the group of honorees.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Next week, the Nittany Lions will square off against Big Ten travel partner Ohio State in the annual home-and-away series. Penn State will play the Buckeyes twice in a three-day span beginning with a trip to Columbus Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. on ESPNU.

## DOUBLE-DOUBLE TRACKER

### MEGAN COURTNEY (20 CAREER)

- vs. Villanova, 8/29/15 (16 kills, 13 digs)
- vs. Stanford, 9/5/15 (11 kills, 13 digs)
- vs. Notre Dame, 9/12/15 (14 kills, 15 digs)
- vs. Wisconsin, 9/23/15 (10 kills, 14 digs)
- vs. Minnesota, 9/26/15 (22 kills, 13 digs)
- vs. Nebraska, 10/2/15 (16 kills, 22 digs)
- vs. Iowa, 10/3/15 (12 kills, 23 digs)
- at Illinois, 10/9/15 (18 kills, 19 digs)
- at Northwestern, 10/9/15 (14 kills, 23 digs)

### BRYANNA WEISKIRCHER (7 CAREER)

- at South Florida, 9/19/15 (32 assists, 15 digs)
- vs. Minnesota, 9/26/15 (54 assists, 12 digs)
- vs. Nebraska, 10/2/15 (46 assists, 11 digs)
- vs. Iowa, 10/3/15 (34 assists, 10 digs)
- at Illinois, 10/9/15 (54 assists, 14 digs)
- at Northwestern, 10/10/15 (43 assists, 17 digs)
- at Michigan, 10/22/15 (53 assists, 12 digs)

## 2015 HONORS & ACCOLADES

### ALI FRANTI

- Preseason All-Big Ten
- Penn State Classic All-Tournament Team
- Golden Dome Invitational All-Tournament Team

### MEGAN COURTNEY

- Preseason All-Big Ten
- Penn State Classic Most Outstanding Player
- B1G/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament Team
- Golden Dome Invitational Most Outstanding Player

### HALEIGH WASHINGTON

- Unanimous Preseason All-Big Ten
- Penn State Classic All-Tournament Team
- B1G/Pac-12 Challenge Most Outstanding Player
- Big Ten Player of the Week (9/7, 9/28 -Co., 9/21)
- USF Invitational Most Outstanding Player

### AIYANA WHITNEY

- Preseason All-Big Ten
- Penn State Classic All-Tournament Team
- B1G/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament Team
- USF Invitational All-Tournament Team

### BRYANNA WEISKIRCHER

- Golden Dome Invitational All-Tournament Team
- USF Invitational All-Tournament Team

## NITTANY LION ALUM AT THE ESPYS

Penn State alum Micha Hancock was nominated for an ESPN ESPY for the second consecutive season. Nominated for Best Female Collegiate Athlete, her nomination marked the fourth time a PSU women's volleyball student-athlete was 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. Hancock is the first in program history to receive back-to-back nominations.

## NITTANY LIONS MONTH - BY-MONTH UNDER HEAD COACH RUSS ROSE

Penn State is 49-5 (.907) during the month of August under the direction of head coach Russ Rose (since 1979), after notching a trio of victories against Buffalo, Stony Brook and Villanova in the first week of 2015.

With head coach Russ Rose at the helm of the program, Penn State is 372-53 (.875) during the month of September, dating back to 1979. The Lions are 214-19 (.918) during the month of September dating back to the 1995 season and 54-9 (.857) since 2010.

PSU is 394-45 (.897) during the month of October during Rose's tenure (since 1979). Penn State has posted an 139-16 (.897) mark in October since the 2006 season, and a record of 53-8 (.869) dating back to 2010, without losing a match during the month from 2007 to the end of the 2009 season.

Penn State is 294-57 (.838) all-time during the month of November, including a 97-8 (.924) 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 53-3 (.946) mark in November.

## SWEEPS AND STREAKS

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 conference in 1991, Penn State has played in 862 total matches, winning 767. Since 2008, Penn State has earned 203 of its 254 victories in three sets (80%), including 37-of-38 (98%) in 2008 and 32-of-38 in 2009 (84%). In 2014, Penn State earned 30-of-36 (83%) wins by way of a 3-0 sweep, marking the most amount of straight set wins in a season since the 2008-09 seasons.

Since the 2001 season, the Nittany Lions have only lost 57 matches. And of those 20 teams that defeated Penn State – BYU, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Nebraska, Northwestern, Ohio State, Oregon, Oregon State, Purdue, Stanford, Temple, Tennessee, Texas, UCLA, Washington and Wisconsin – only eight of these teams (Nebraska, Stanford, Ohio State, Illinois, Wisconsin, UCLA, Minnesota and Michigan State) have been able to beat Penn State three times. Since 2001, Penn State has compiled a 252-57 mark against all 20 teams to have beaten PSU within the stretch.

vs. Michigan	25-2	vs. Michigan St.	22-3
vs. Northwestern	25-3	vs. UCLA	3-3
vs. Wisconsin	25-5	vs. Minnesota	25-4
vs. Florida	3-2	vs. Temple	0-1
vs. Nebraska	5-7	vs. Tennessee	0-1
vs. Illinois	21-6	vs. Indiana	28-1
vs. BYU	3-1	vs. Texas	6-2
vs. Purdue	28-1	vs. Oregon	0-2
vs. Stanford	7-6	vs. Oregon State	0-1
vs. Washington	1-1	vs. Ohio State	23-5

## PENN STATE BY THE NUMBERS

6	Number of NCAA national championships PSU has won in the last eight years
7	Number of NCAA national championships (1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014) » Penn State's seven titles are the most of any women's volleyball program in history
16	Number of Big Ten titles in 23 seasons in the league » Penn State has captured Big Ten championships in nine of the last 11 years
21	Number of all-time conference player of the year selections
34	Number of NCAA Tournaments PSU has participated in, one of two to play in all 34
38	Number of consecutive 20-win seasons
39	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
165	Number of Academic All-Big Ten honorees in 24 years
1,161	Number of wins by head coach Russ Rose prior to entering his 37th season » Rose ranks first on the NCAA DI all-time list

# 2015 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



## RUSS ROSE AT A GLANCE ...

It's been nearly four decades since Russ Rose arrived on campus. Entering his 37th season, the AVCA Hall of Fame head coaches' record-setting seven NCCA national titles and 16 Big Ten championships speak directly to the confidence and character he's passed along throughout his career.

As each year passes, his list of accomplishments continue to swell, but a quick snapshot of his legendary tenure might read something like this: The leader of a women's volleyball powerhouse who's kept his program among the nation's elite for nearly 40 years, guiding his teams to a record-setting seven NCAA national titles, including an unprecedented four consecutive championships from 2007-10. Along with 16 Big Ten titles, his program is one of only two women's volleyball schools to compete in all 34 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball National Championship events. He's produced four AVCA National Players of the Year, 13 Big Ten conference Players of the Year and at least one AVCA All-American in 35 of 36 seasons. His student-athletes excel in the classroom as well, with an outstanding 156 Academic All-Big Ten selections and five Academic All-Americans.

## BY THE NUMBERS ...

### No. 1

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

### 34

Straight NCAA Tournament appearances

### 16

Big Ten titles in 23 years

### 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-36 seasons

- 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 Mideast Region Coach of the Year  
1996, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012
- Three-time Volleyball Monthly Coach of the Year  
1990, 1993, 1999
- Seven-time Mideast 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

## WHO'S BACK

The Nittany Lions return plenty of potential when it comes to finding new ways to win. This year's senior group features experienced hitters in Megan Courtney and Aiyana Whitney as well as defensive specialists Kendall Pierce and Lara Caraway. From last year's top-ranked freshman recruiting class, All-American and DI National Freshman of the Year Ali Frantti and Big Ten Freshman of the Year Haleigh Washington highlight the large class that has already gained the taste of a national title.

Returning second team AVCA All-Americans Aiyana Whitney and Frantti are among an experienced group of top attackers. Courtney started all 39 matches for the Nittany Lions during the 2014 season, finishing third on the team with 2.44 kills per set and second on the squad with 2.34 digs per set. She highlighted the year with a clutch career-high performance in the NCAA national semifinals before going on to earn 2014 NCAA Championship MVP honors.

The Nittany Lions also return options at the middle position as well. Sophomore Haleigh Washington has emerged as one of the top returners in group. Washington burst on to the scene in September after an injury sidelined her for the opening portion of the season. In 25 appearances on the court, she finished first on the team with a .463 hitting percentage, while also tallying 96 blocks. With the ability to play multiple positions in the front row, redshirt senior All-American Aiyana Whitney could also be an option at the middle position this year, along with sophomore Heidi Thelen.

## EXPERIENCED SENIOR CORE

Comprised of four, this year's senior class features Lara Caraway, Megan Courtney, Kendall Pierce and Aiyana Whitney. Playing all together at the same time, the four have a combined record of 103-8 in three years, as well as a 56-4 mark in Big Ten matches. Along with back-to-back Big Ten titles in 2012 and 2013, the veteran class also boasts back-to-back NCAA national titles from 2013-14. Having made it to the final four in the last three consecutive seasons, the four have an NCAA tournament record of 16-1.

## SPOTS TO FILL

This year, the Nittany Lions enter the season with some sizable question marks, tasked with replacing a core group of senior leadership. First there's three-time All-American and 2014 AVCA DI National Player of the Year Micha Hancock, who set the Nittany Lions to both championship crowns in 2013-14, while also impressing from the end line with her clutch serve. Then there's three-year starting libero Dominique Gonzalez, and defensive specialist Lacey Fuller who commanded the backrow. Lastly, there's two-time All-American Nia Grant, who frequently led the nation in hitting efficiency in 2014.

Perhaps one of Penn State's top priorities this season will be at the setting position, replacing Hancock, who ended her career atop both the NCAA and Big Ten career aces lists. Departures from Dominique Gonzalez and Lacey Fuller present another top priority for the Nittany Lions heading into the 2015 season. Gonzalez closed out her collegiate career ranked fourth all-time in the Penn State record book with 1,474 digs.

## WHO'S NEW

Penn State's 2015 freshman class features a little bit of everything, including setter Wilma Rivera (Carolina, Puerto Rico), defensive specialist Keeton Holcomb (Belville, Texas), middle blocker Tori Gorrell (Ontario, Canada) and right side Jelena Novaković (Belgrade, Serbia).

**Tori Gorrell** » Gorrell attended Abbey Park High School in Oakville, Ontario, helping Abbey Park to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association AAA volleyball championship. In addition to helping the team to an undefeated season, she also led the squad to Halton Tier I and Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference AA titles.

**Keeton Holcomb** » A four-year letterwinner and team MVP at Belville, she earned AAA First Team All-State honors in 2013-14, as well as Texas Sports Writers Association All-State honors in 2013. Holcomb is a MaxPreps Second Team All-American, having also been named to the 2014 Under Armour All-American watch list. Played club with Houston Juniors.

**Jelena Novaković** » Novaković helped Red Star to a National Cup title in 2014 and a silver medal at the 2014 Championship, while also earning MVP honors at the U17 Belgrade Tournament. She earned gold at the European Championship with the U19 Serbian Junior National Team in 2014, as well as another gold medal at the Balkan Championship in Subotica, Serbia.

**Wilma Rivera** » Rivera was a four-year team captain and senior MVP at Saint Francis School. She helped her high school squad to the 2014 Puerto Rico Lopa El Nuevo Dia Championships, while also earning LACC All-State Best Setter and MVP honors in the same year. Rivera also competed on the Puerto Rican Junior National Team.

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## NCAA RPI TOP 30

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NO.	SCHOOL	CONF.	REC.	RD.	NEU.	HOME
1	USC	Pac-12	20-0	6-0	3-0	11-0
2	Nebraska	Big Ten	16-2	6-2	1-0	9-0
3	Florida	SEC	13-4	5-3	3-0	5-1
4	Ohio St.	Big Ten	18-2	4-1	6-0	8-1
5	UCLA	Pac-12	15-3	7-0	4-0	4-3
6	Texas	Big 12	16-1	3-0	2-0	11-1
7	Minnesota	Big Ten	15-3	6-2	3-1	6-0
8	Kansas	Big 12	18-0	5-0	4-0	9-0
<b>9</b>	<b>PENN STATE</b>	<b>BIG TEN</b>	<b>17-2</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>4-0</b>	<b>10-1</b>
10	Washington	Pac-12	17-1	4-1	3-0	10-0
11	Kentucky	SEC	13-6	5-1	1-3	7-2
12	Missouri	SEC	17-2	6-2	6-0	5-0
13	Arkansas St.	Sun Belt	19-1	10-0	5-1	4-0
14	BYU	W. Coast	17-2	7-2	4-0	6-0
15	Wisconsin	Big Ten	12-6	4-3	2-1	6-2
16	Louisville	ACC	14-4	4-2	2-0	8-2
17	Arizona St.	Pac-12	15-4	3-4	3-0	9-0
18	Florida St.	ACC	15-4	6-4	3-0	6-0
19	Western Ky.	Con.USA	21-2	9-0	5-1	7-1
20	N'western	Big Ten	12-7	3-4	5-1	4-2
21	Iowa St.	Big 12	11-6	1-4	4-0	6-2
22	Stanford	Pac-12	11-5	4-4	1-0	6-1
23	Creighton	Big East	15-7	4-2	2-2	9-3
24	Michigan	Big Ten	15-4	3-3	2-0	10-1
25	Illinois	Big Ten	12-7	3-3	5-1	4-3
26	Hawaii	Big West	18-1	2-0	0-0	16-1
27	Purdue	Big Ten	15-4	5-2	1-2	9-0
28	San Diego	W. Coast	13-6	6-2	1-3	6-1
29	UNC	ACC	9-8	2-2	1-3	6-3
30	Baylor	Big 12	14-6	3-3	3-1	8-2

## PENN STATE'S RECORD WHEN ...

Playing at home.....	10-1
Playing on the road.....	4-1
Playing at a neutral site.....	4-0
Current winning streak.....	W3
Big Ten matches.....	7-2
Non-conference matches.....	11-0
In three-set matches.....	15-0
In four-set matches.....	1-0
In five-set matches.....	2-2
When winning the first set.....	19-1
When losing the first set.....	0-1
Hitting .300 +.....	12-0
Hitting .200 -.299.....	6-0
When winning the second set.....	17-2
When losing the second set.....	1-0
Out-hitting a team.....	17-0
Out-hit by a team.....	1-2
Playing a ranked team.....	7-1
Playing an unranked team.....	11-1
On TV.....	4-1
In August.....	3-0
In September.....	10-0
In October.....	5-2
In November.....	0-0

## 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.....	11 - Haleigh Washington vs. St. John's (9/19/15)
Had eight or more aces.....	8 - Micha Hancock at Maryland (11/22/14)
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.....	at South Florida, 9/12/15 (25-19, 25-6, 25-18)
Lost a match.....	at Stanford, 9/5/14 (18-25, 25-23, 24-26, 25-17, 12-15)
Won at home.....	vs. Stanford, 9/5/15 (25-21, 25-22, 25-18)
Lost at home.....	vs. Oregon, 8/26/11 (25-16, 25-21, 25-20, 25-22)
Won 3-0 at home.....	vs. Stanford, 9/5/15 (25-21, 25-22, 25-18)
Lost 3-0 at home.....	vs. UC-Santa Barbara, 9/18/86 (1-15, 7-15, 13-15)
Won 3-0 on the road.....	at South Florida, 9/12/15 (25-19, 25-6, 25-18)
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 Michigan, 10/21/15 (25-18, 22-25, 18-25, 25-20, 15-7)
Lost a match.....	at Northwestern, 10/10/15 (25-12, 26-24, 14-25, 20-25, 11-15)
Won at home.....	vs. Purdue, 10/17/15 (25-18, 25-17, 25-17)
Lost at home.....	vs. Nebraska, 10/2/15 (25-12, 26-24, 14-25, 20-25, 11-15)
Won 3-0 at home.....	vs. Purdue, 10/17/15 (25-18, 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 Northwestern, 11/26/14 (25-20, 25-23, 25-23)
Lost 3-0 on the road.....	at Illinois, 11/11/11 (21-25, 23-25, 26-28)

## ALL MATCHES

Won a match.....	at Michigan, 10/21/15 (25-18, 22-25, 18-25, 25-20, 15-7)
Lost a match.....	at Northwestern, 10/10/15 (25-12, 26-24, 14-25, 20-25, 11-15)
Won at home.....	vs. Purdue, 10/17/15 (25-18, 25-17, 25-17)
Lost at home.....	vs. Nebraska, 10/2/15 (25-12, 26-24, 14-25, 20-25, 11-15)
Won 3-0 at home.....	vs. Purdue, 10/17/15 (25-18, 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 South Florida, 9/12/15 (25-19, 25-6, 25-18)
Lost 3-0 on the road.....	at Illinois, 11/11/11 (21-25, 23-25, 26-28)

## PACKING REC HALL ONCE AGAIN

Penn State is once again among the national leaders in attendance this year, ranking top five in the country with an average of 4,004 fans per match on the year along with other Big Ten schools, Nebraska, Wisconsin and Illinois. (Figures provided by the NCAA.) Penn State highlighted the year with a sold out crowd of 6,055 against Stanford Sept. 4, 2015. The Nittany Lions have drawn crowds of 4,000-plus in four of the last six home matches

SCHOOL	TOTAL ATTEN.	AVG. ATTEN.	HOME DATES	SCHOOL	TOTAL ATTEN.	AVG. ATTEN.	HOME DATES
1 Nebraska	Big Ten	73,539	8,171	16 Wichita St.	Miz Valley	21,447	2,145
2 Hawaii	Big West	116,318	6,842	17 Stanford	Pac-12	14,438	2,063
3 Wisconsin	Big Ten	35,381	4,423	18 Kansas St.	Big 12	9,994	1,999
<b>4 PENN STATE</b>	<b>Big Ten</b>	<b>44,042</b>	<b>4,004</b>	19 Louisville	ACC	19,359	1,936
5 Minnesota	Big Ten	18,740	3,123	20 BYU	W. Coast	11,208	1,868
6 Illinois	Big Ten	21,718	3,103	21 Creighton	Big East	21,806	1,817
7 Missouri	SEC	15,335	3,067	22 UNC	ACC	16,032	1,781
8 Ohio	MAC	19,092	2,727	23 Kentucky	SEC	15,954	1,773
9 Iowa St.	Big 12	21,564	2,696	24 Arizona St.	Pac-12	15,672	1,741
10 Purdue	Big Ten	23,610	2,623	25 Washington	Pac-12	17,255	1,726
11 Texas	Big 12	30,441	2,537	26 Oregon	Pac-12	3,425	1,713
12 Michigan St.	Big Ten	19,489	2,436	27 Ohio St.	Big Ten	15,009	1,668
13 UNI	Miz Valley	18,903	2,363	28 TCU	Big 12	9,112	1,519
14 Florida	SEC	14,113	2,352	29 UCLA	Pac-12	10,332	1,476
15 Colorado St.	M. West	27,517	2,293	30 Texas A&M	SEC	11,757	1,470

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## 2015 PENN STATE SUPERLATIVES

THREE SETS.....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	16 - Megan Courtney vs. Villanova (8/29) .....	51- vs. Stanford (9/5)
Attacks: .....	42 - Megan Courtney vs. Villanova (8/29) .....	121 - vs. Villanova (8/29)
Attack Percentage .....	846 - (11-0-13) - Haleigh Washington vs. Auburn (9/18) .....	444 (47-7-90) - vs. Auburn (9/18)
Assists: .....	43- Bryanna Weiskircher vs. Wisconsin (9/23) .....	46, 2x last - vs. Wisconsin (9/23)
Aces: .....	4 - Bryanna Weiskircher vs. Purdue (10/17) .....	7, 2x last - vs. St. John's (9/19)
Digs: .....	20, 2x last - Keeton Holcomb at Notre Dame (9/12) .....	55 - vs. Villanova (8/29)
Solo Blocks: .....	3 - Haleigh Washington vs. Purdue (10/17) .....	5 - vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Block Assists: .....	10 - Haleigh Washington vs. St. John's (9/19) .....	26 - vs. St. John's (9/19)
Total Blocks: .....	11 - Haleigh Washington vs. St. John's (9/19) .....	15.0 - vs. St. John's (9/19)

FOUR SETS .....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	18 - Megan Courtney at Illinois (10/9) .....	64 - at Illinois (10/9)
Attacks: .....	46 - Megan Courtney at Illinois (10/9) .....	159 - at Illinois (10/9)
Attack Percentage .....	419 (16-3-31) - Aiyana Whitney at Illinois (10/9) .....	289 (64-18-159) - at Illinois (10/9)
Assists: .....	54 - Bryanna Weiskircher at Illinois (10/9) .....	62 - at Illinois (10/9)
Aces: .....	2 - Kendall Pierce at Illinois (10/9) .....	3 - at Illinois (10/9)
Digs: .....	19 - Megan Courtney at Illinois (10/9) .....	71 - at Illinois (10/9)
Solo Blocks: .....	3 - Megan Courtney at Illinois (10/9) .....	3 - at Illinois (10/9)
Block Assists: .....	7 - Haleigh Washington at Illinois (10/9) .....	20 - at Illinois (10/9)
Total Blocks: .....	7 - Haleigh Washington at Illinois (10/9) .....	13.0 - at Illinois (10/9)

FIVE SETS .....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	22 - Megan Courtney, vs. Minnesota (9/26) .....	65 - vs. Minnesota (9/26)
Attacks: .....	62, 2x last - Megan Courtney, vs. Nebraska (10/2) .....	183 - vs. Nebraska (10/2)
Attack Percentage: .....	593 (17-1-27) - Haleigh Washington at Michigan (10/21) .....	268 (63-23-149) - at Michigan (10/21)
Assists: .....	54 - Bryanna Weiskircher vs. Minnesota (9/26) .....	61, 2x last - at Michigan (10/21)
Aces: .....	2, 2x last - H. Washington and B. Weiskircher at Michigan (10/21) .....	5 - vs. Minnesota (9/26)
Digs: .....	23, 2x last - Megan Courtney at Northwestern (10/10) .....	81 - vs. Nebraska (10/2)
Solo Blocks: .....	3 - Megan Courtney vs. Nebraska (10/2) .....	5 - vs. Minnesota (9/26)
Block Assists: .....	8, 3x last - Haleigh Washington & Heidi Thelen at Michigan (10/21) .....	26 - at Michigan (10/21)
Total Blocks: .....	9, 2x last - Heidi Thelen at Michigan (10/21) .....	17.0 - at Michigan (10/21)

## 2015 OPPONENT SUPERLATIVES

THREE SETS.....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	16 - Hayley Hodson, Stanford (9/5) .....	47 - Villanova (8/29)
Attacks: .....	34 - Kathy Fletcher, Stony Brook (8/29) .....	122 - Indiana (10/16)
Attack Percentage: .....	500 (4-0-8) - Ashley Evans, Purdue (10/17) .....	283 (41-13-99) - Iowa (10/3)
Assists: .....	39 - Emma Pettit, Villanova (8/29) .....	44 - Villanova (8/29)
Aces: .....	3, 3x last - Alyssa Klostermann, Iowa (10/3) .....	4, 2x last - USF (9/19)
Digs: .....	18 - Michelle Adams, Villanova (8/29) .....	58 - Villanova (8/29)
Solo Blocks: .....	2 - Ciera Koons, Eastern Kentucky (9/11) .....	2, 3x last - Purdue (10/17)
Block Assists: .....	4, 2x last - Danielle Cuttino, Purdue (10/17) .....	14 - Notre Dame (9/12)
Total Blocks: .....	5 - Danielle Cuttino, Purdue (10/17) .....	8.0 - Purdue (10/17)

FOUR SETS .....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	22 - Michelle Strizak, Illinois (10/9) .....	53 - Illinois (10/9)
Attacks: .....	58 - Jocelynn Birks, Illinois (10/9) .....	164 - Illinois (10/9)
Attack Percentage: .....	308 (22-6-52) - Jocelynn Birks, Illinois (10/9) .....	146 (53-29-164) - Illinois (10/9)
Assists: .....	46 - Jordyn Poulter, Illinois (10/9) .....	50 - Illinois (10/9)
Aces: .....	1 - Allison Palmer, Illinois (10/9) .....	1 - Illinois (10/9)
Digs: .....	25 - Brandi Donnelly, Illinois (10/9) .....	68 - Illinois (10/9)
Solo Blocks: .....	N/A .....	N/A
Block Assists: .....	5 - Ali Bastianelli, Illinois (10/9) .....	13 - Illinois (10/9)
Total Blocks: .....	5 - Ali Bastianelli, Illinois (10/9) .....	6.5 - Illinois (10/9)

FIVE SETS .....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	19 - Daly Santana, Minnesota (9/26) .....	67 - Northwestern (10/9)
Attacks: .....	55 - Daly Santana, Minnesota (9/26) .....	175 - Northwestern (10/9)
Attack Percentage: .....	385 (7-2-13) - Taylor Tashima, Northwestern (10/10) .....	235 (63-27-153) - Michigan (10/21)
Assists: .....	52, 2x last - Taylor Tashima, Northwestern (10/10) .....	62 - Northwestern (10/9)
Aces: .....	4 - Daly Santana, Minnesota (9/26) .....	5 - Northwestern (10/9)
Digs: .....	24 - Dalianliz Rosado, Minnesota (9/26) .....	76 - Minnesota (9/26)
Solo Blocks: .....	1, 4x last - C. Keiffer-Wright, K. Goode and A. Cole, Michigan (10/21) .....	3, 2x last - Michigan (10/21)
Block Assists: .....	8 - Paige Tapp, Minnesota (9/26) .....	20 - Minnesota (9/26)
Total Blocks: .....	9 - Paige Tapp, Minnesota (9/26) .....	13.0 - Minnesota (9/26)

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## 2015 CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

#	Player	sp	Attack				pct	Set		Serve			Dig			Blocking					points	
			k	k/s	e	ta		a	a/s	sa	se	sa/s	re	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s	be		bhe
15	Washington,Haleigh	69	187	2.71	30	340	.462	2	0.03	18	41	0.26	0	36	0.52	19	87	106	1.54	11	2	267.5
14	Whitney,Aiyana	69	209	3.03	60	471	.316	3	0.04	0	0	0.00	0	25	0.36	4	65	69	1.00	3	1	245.5
17	Courtney,Megan	58	189	3.26	51	534	.258	29	0.50	7	7	0.12	8	203	3.50	17	41	58	1.00	4	1	233.5
22	Lee,Simone	44	81	1.84	32	192	.255	1	0.02	1	1	0.02	0	13	0.30	3	18	21	0.48	0	2	94.0
19	Thelen,Heidi	52	32	0.62	12	79	.253	8	0.15	0	0	0.00	0	9	0.17	7	53	60	1.15	7	1	65.5
5	Frantti,Ali	69	172	2.49	67	468	.224	12	0.17	3	8	0.04	16	132	1.91	3	22	25	0.36	2	0	189.0
21	Weiskircher,Bryanna	69	34	0.49	14	95	.211	722	10.46	23	19	0.33	2	158	2.29	2	43	45	0.65	10	6	80.5
6	Reed,Nia	12	12	1.00	9	34	.088	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	3	3	0.25	0	0	13.5
10	Muller,Carley	11	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.09	2	2	0.18	0	8	0.73	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	2.0
13	Krause,Taylor	46	0	0.00	0	0	.000	5	0.11	7	5	0.15	0	46	1.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	7.0
12	Holcomb,Keeton	68	0	0.00	0	1	.000	43	0.63	4	10	0.06	18	229	3.37	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	4.0
4	Rivera,Wilma	24	0	0.00	0	0	.000	21	0.88	5	12	0.21	0	28	1.17	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	5.0
8	Pierce,Lainy	22	0	0.00	0	2	.000	0	0.00	1	1	0.05	0	6	0.27	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
2	Caraway,Lara	19	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	3	0.00	0	19	1.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
3	Pierce,Kendall	57	0	0.00	1	2	-.500	8	0.14	6	2	0.11	4	66	1.16	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	6.0
PENN STATE		69	916	13.28	276	2218	.289	855	12.39	77	111	1.12	51	978	14.17	55	332	221.0	3.20	37	13	1214.0
Opponents		69	790	11.45	454	2368	.142	745	10.80	51	150	0.74	77	913	13.23	16	185	108.5	1.57	36	16	949.5

## TEAM STATISTICS

Team Statistics	PSU	OPP
<b>ATTACK</b>		
Kills	916	790
Errors	276	454
Total Attacks	2218	2368
Attack Pct	.289	.142
Kills/Set	13.3	11.4
<b>SET</b>		
Assists	855	745
Attempts	2134	2342
Assist Pct	.401	.318
Assists/Set	12.4	10.8
<b>SERVE</b>		
Aces	77	51
Errors	111	150
Attempts	1616	1271
Serve Pct	.931	.882
Aces/Set	1.1	0.7
<b>SERVE RECEPTIONS</b>		
Errors	51	77
Errors/Set	0.7	1.1
Attempts	1121	1504
Reception Pct	.955	.949
<b>DEFENSE</b>		
Digs	978	913
Digs/Set	14.2	13.2
<b>BLOCKING</b>		
Block Solo	55	16
Block Assist	332	185
Total Blocks	221.0	108.5
Blocks/Set	3.2	1.6
Block Errors	37	36
Ball handling errors	13	16
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	44042	10670
Dates/Avg Per Date	11/4004	5/2134
Neutral site #/Avg	4/284	
Current win streak	3	-
Home win streak	3	-

## 2015 RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	SET SCORES	TIME	ATT.
Aug. 28	vs. Buffalo	W	3-0	25-18,25-12,25-16	1:11	2,252
Aug. 29	vs. Stony Brook	W	3-0	25-13,25-13,25-20	1:08	3,716
Aug. 29	vs. Villanova	W	3-0	25-20,25-23,25-21	1:29	3,716
Sept. 4	vs. #21 Colorado	W	3-0	25-19,25-21,25-18	1:24	3,148
Sept. 5	vs. #2 Stanford	W	3-0	25-21,25-22,25-18	1:34	6,055
Sept. 11	vs. Eastern Kentucky% W	3-0		25-14,25-13,25-14	1:07	946
Sept. 12	vs. Mississippi State% W	3-0		25-16,25-14,25-12	1:12	706
Sept. 12	at. Notre Dame% W	3-0		25-17,25-19,25-16	1:18	1,540
Sept. 18	vs. Auburn\$ W	3-0		25-11, 25-16, 25-19	1:23	556
Sept. 19	vs. St. John's\$ W	3-0		25-10, 25-18, 25-19	N/A	579
Sept. 19	at South Florida\$ W	3-0		25-19, 25-6, 25-18	1:16	1,636
Sept. 23	vs. #16 Wisconsin W	3-0		25-21, 25-16, 25-20	1:28	2,710
Sept. 26	vs. #21 Minnesota W	3-2		25-22,25-16,19-25,20-25,15-12	2:21	5,039
Oct. 2	vs. #4 Nebraska L	3-2		25-12, 26-24, 14-25, 20-25, 11-15	2:32	5,105
Oct. 3	vs. Iowa W	3-0		26-24, 25-16, 25-23	1:33	5,331
Oct. 9	at #13 Illinois W	3-1		25-16, 25-18, 24-26, 27-25	2:07	3,997
Oct. 10	at Northwestern L	3-2		18-25,25-23,24-26,25-17,12-15	2:21	1,697
Oct. 16	vs. Indiana W	3-0		25-18, 25-15, 25-14	1:22	2,938
Oct. 17	vs. #18 Purdue W	3-0		25-18, 25-17, 25-17	1:23	4,032
Oct. 21	at #23 Michigan W	3-2		25-18, 22-25, 18-25, 25-20, 15-7	2:26	1,800

% Golden Dome Invitational - South Bend, Ind.

\$ USF Invitational - Tampa, Fla..

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## TEAM MATCH-BY-MATCH STAT COMPARISON \*Penn State/Opponent

OPPONENT	SETS	KILLS	ERRORS	TA	HIT%	ASSISTS	SA	SE	RE	DIGS	BS-BA	BE	TOT BLKS
BUFFALO	3	33/24	10/30	76/87	.303/-.069	32/23	4/3	9/7	3/4	32/31	3-18/0-6	0/1	12.0/3.0
STONY BROOK	3	39/31	6/24	83/92	.398/.076	37/30	4/3	5/7	3/4	35/32	1-25/0-4	0/1	13.5/2.0
VILLANOVA	3	47/44	12/18	121/124	.289/.210	43/44	4/3	5/5	3/4	55/58	1-16/0-8	3/1	9.0/4.0
COLORADO	3	29/35	13/29	93/109	.172/.055	26/31	5/3	7/11	3/5	33/42	3-20/0-6	2/3	13.0/3.0
STANFORD	3	51/42	14/14	113/105	.327/-.267	46/37	4/1	4/5	1/4	45/42	2-10/2-10	7/2	7.0/7.0
Eastern Kentucky	3	34/22	8/23	72/86	.361/-.012	30/22	7/2	8/8	2/7	33/28	3-8/2-2	0/1	7.0/3.0
Mississippi State	3	36/26	8/27	85/101	.329/-.010	35/26	3/4	1/5	4/3	45/33	5-14/0-2	0/0	12.0/1.0
Notre Dame	3	45/27	13/17	100/103	.320/.097	43/25	3/3	9/6	3/3	54/40	3-13/0-14	2/2	9.5/7.0
Auburn	3	47/32	7/16	90/93	.444/.172	39/29	4/0	7/6	0/4	37/32	2-10/0-8	5/7	7.0/4.0
St. John's	3	38/28	9/22	77/85	.377/.071	36/27	7/1	7/4	1/7	29/27	2-26/0-6	3/1	15.0/3.0
South Florida	3	43/25	7/19	88/97	.409/.062	39/24	2/4	4/6	4/2	50/35	3-10/1-2	1/2	8.0/2.0
WISCONSIN	3	46/39	11/18	93/107	.376/.196	46/38	3/0	7/7	0/3	44/34	3-8/0-10	1/4	7.0/5.0
MINNESOTA	5	65/60	30/23	177/171	.198/.216	61/58	5/4	5/11	4/5	75/76	5-12/3-20	3/4	11.0/13.0
NEBRASKA	5	57/60	27/27	183/191	.164/.173	54/58	2/5	7/8	5/2	81/84	4-22/2-24	0/0	15.0/14.0
IOWA	3	47/41	13/13	103/99	.330/.283	43/40	4/7	2/10	7/4	43/43	1-10/0-10	1/1	6/0/5.0
Illinois	4	64/53	18/29	159/164	.289/.146	62/50	3/1	11/3	1/3	71/68	3-20/0-13	0/0	13.0/6.5
Northwestern	5	56/67	25/30	161/175	.193/.211	49/62	2/5	5/15	5/2	68/75	2-24/0-16	1/2	14.0/8.0
INDIANA	3	35/35	10/26	103/122	.243/.074	34/32	3/0	2/10	0/3	51/51	2-20/1-4	2/2	12.0/3.0
PURDUE	3	41/36	12/22	92/104	.315/.135	39/33	4/1	1/8	1/4	42/32	3-20/2-12	3/0	13.0/8.0
Michigan	5	63/63	23/27	149/153	.268/.235	61/56	4/1	5/8	1/4	55/50	4-26/3-8	2/2	17.0/7.0

## INDIVIDUAL MATCH-BY-MATCH LEADERS

DATE	OPP.	KILLS	ATTACKS	ACES	ASSISTS	DIGS	BLOCKS
Aug. 28	Buffalo	Whitney - 11	Courtney - 25	4 @ - 1	Weiskircher - 18	Holcomb - 18	Thelen - 7
Aug. 29	Stony Brook	Courtney - 11	Frantti - 24	4 @ - 1	Weiskircher - 30	Holcomb - 9	Thelen - 9
Aug. 29	Villanova	Courtney - 16	Courtney - 43	4 @ - 1	Weiskircher - 37	Courtney - 13	Washington - 6
Sept. 4	Colorado	Washington - 8	Frantti - 27	Weiskircher - 2	Weiskircher - 18	Courtney - 12	Thelen - 7
Sept. 5	Stanford	Frantti - 13	Frantti - 35	Courtney - 2	Weiskircher - 41	Courtney - 13	Whitney - 3
		Whitney - 13					Washington - 3
Sept. 11	Eastern Kentucky	Courtney - 9	Courtney - 16	Washington - 3	Weiskircher - 19	Holcomb - 8	Washington - 4
Sept. 12	Mississippi St.	Frantti - 11	Frantti - 26	Muller - 2	Weiskircher - 29	Holcomb - 20	Washington - 7
			Courtney - 26				
Sept. 12	at Notre Dame	Frantti - 14	Courtney - 28	3 @ - 1	Weiskircher - 40	Holcomb - 20	Washington - 5
		Courtney - 14					
Sept. 18	Auburn	Washington - 11	Courtney - 24	4 @ - 1	Weiskircher - 36	Holcomb - 17	Thelen - 4
Sept. 19	St. John's	Whitney - 11	Frantti - 19	3 @ - 2	Weiskircher - 31	Courtney - 10	Washington - 11
Sept. 19	at USF	Whitney - 15	Whitney - 27	2 @ - 1	Weiskircher - 32	Weiskircher - 15	Thelen - 5
Sept. 23	Wisconsin	Frantti - 14	Frantti - 25	Washington - 2	Weiskircher - 43	Courtney - 14	Washington - 5
Sept. 26	Minnesota	Courtney - 22	Courtney - 62	Washington - 2	Weiskircher - 54	Holcomb - 18	Washington - 5
				Weiskircher - 2			Thelen - 5
Oct. 2	Nebraska	Courtney - 16	Courtney - 62	Krause - 1	Weiskircher - 46	Holcomb - 23	Washington - 9
				Washington - 1			
Oct. 3	Iowa	Courtney - 12	Courtney - 34	Weiskircher - 3	Weiskircher - 34	Courtney - 13	Washington - 3
							Lee - 3
Oct. 9	at Illinois	Courtney - 18	Courtney - 46	K. Pierce - 2	Weiskircher - 54	Courtney - 19	Washington - 7
Oct. 10	at Northwestern	Courtney - 14	Courtney - 48	Rivera - 1	Weiskircher - 43	Courtney - 23	Washington - 8
		Lee - 14		Holcomb - 1			
Oct. 16	Indiana	Lee - 10	Frantti - 23	Frantti - 1	Weiskircher - 28	Holcomb - 15	Whitney - 8
			Whitney - 23				
Oct. 17	Purdue	Lee - 12	Lee - 24	Weiskircher - 4	Weiskircher - 36	Frantti - 11	Washington - 9
Oct. 21	Michigan	Whitney - 18	Whitney - 40	Weiskircher - 2	Weiskircher - 53	Frantti - 17	Thelen - 9
				Washington - 2			

## TOTALS (INCLUDING TIES)

Whitney - 5	Courtney - 11	Weiskircher - 5	Weiskircher - 20	Holcomb - 9	Thelen - 7
Courtney - 9	Frantti - 7	Courtney - 1		Courtney - 8	Washington - 13
Frantti - 4	Whitney - 3	Muller - 1		Weiskircher - 1	Lee - 1
Washington - 2	Lee - 1	Washington - 5		Frantti - 2	Whitney - 1
Lee - 3		Krause - 1			
		K. Pierce - 1			
		Frantti - 1			
		Rivera - 1			
		Holcomb - 1			



## AIYANA WHITNEY

REDSHIRT SENIOR | OH  
NORWOOD, N.J.

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Had 11 kills on .400 hitting against Buffalo (8/28) ... Posted 14 kills on .429 hitting vs. Villanova (8/29) ... Tied for team-high with 13 kills on .440 hitting against No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Had 10 kills against Auburn (9/18) ... Led the team with 11 kills on .500 hitting against St. John's (9/19) ... Posted a team-high 15 kills at USF (9/19) ... Recorded 10 against No. 16 Wisconsin (9/23) ... Put down 13 kills against No. 21 Minnesota (9/26) ... Tallied 14 kills on .333 hitting against No. 4 Nebraska (10/2) ... Finished second on the team with a season-high 16 kills at No. 13 Illinois (10/9) ... Tallied 13 kills and five blocks at Northwestern (10/10) ... Led the blocking unit with a career-high eight blocks against Indiana (10/16) ... Matched two career-high marks with 18 kills and eight blocks at No. 23 Michigan (10/21).

**2015 HONORS** » Preseason All-Big Ten ... Penn State Classic All-Tournament ... B1G/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament Team ... USF Invitational All-Tournament.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Put down eight kills in the season-opener against TCU (8/29) ... Had seven kills on .583 hitting 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) ... Led the team with 13 kills 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 with a season-high 15 kills against No. 15 Illinois (10/11) ... Led the team with 12 kills on .362 hitting against Michigan State (10/25) ... Posted a match-high 16 kills on .714 hitting against Iowa (11/12). Recorded 17 kills on .682 hitting against Minnesota (11/15) ... Had seven blocks at Maryland (11/22) ... Tallied 13 kills on .571 hitting in the NCAA regional semifinals against UCLA (12/13) ... Notched 16 kills against Wisconsin in the NCAA regional finals (12/13) ... Put down 10 kills in the NCAA national semifinals against Stanford (12/18) ... Tied for first on the team with 11 kills in the NCAA national finals against BYU (12/20).

**2014 HONORS** » AVCA Second Team All-America ... AVCA All-Northeast Region ... Louisville Regional All-Tournament ... All-Big Ten honorable mention .. Big Ten Player of the Week (11/17).

**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 ... Majoring in broadcast journalism.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	11	3	20	.400	0	0	1	3
Stony Brook	6	2	16	.250	0	0	1	5
Villanova	14	2	28	.429	0	0	1	2
Colorado	3	3	15	.000	0	0	0	4
Stanford	13	2	25	.440	0	0	1	3
Eastern Kentucky	8	2	15	.400	0	0	2	3
Mississippi State	5	2	13	.231	1	0	2	3
Notre Dame	9	6	21	.143	0	0	1	3
Auburn	10	2	22	.364	0	0	1	3
St John's	11	2	18	.500	0	0	2	4
USF	15	2	27	.481	0	0	1	3
Wisconsin	10	2	20	.400	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	13	6	41	.146	0	0	5	1
Nebraska	14	4	30	.333	0	0	3	3
Iowa	8	2	16	.375	0	0	1	2
Illinois	16	3	31	.419	0	0	1	3
Northwestern	13	5	34	.235	0	0	0	5
Indiana	6	1	23	.217	0	0	1	8
Purdue	6	1	16	.312	0	0	1	3
Michigan	18	7	40	.275	1	0	0	8

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
18 at Michigan (10/21)	Kills	18, 2x last - at Michigan (10/21/15)
41 vs. Minnesota (9/26)	Attacks	44 at Purdue (10/17/14)
.500 (11-2-18) vs. St John's (9/19)	Hitting Percentage	.500 (11-2-18) vs. St. John's (9/26/15)
1 vs. Mississippi State (9/12)	Assists	2 at Minnesota (9/27/14)
N/A	Aces	2 vs. DePaul (9/19/14)
5 vs. Minnesota (9/26)	Digs	5 vs. Minnesota (9/26/15)
8, 2x last - at Michigan (10/21)	Blocks	8, 2x last at Michigan (10/21/15)

### WHITNEY'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2011	24-65	113	1.74	51	320	.194	0	0.00	0	0.00	14	0.22	3	22	25	0.38
2012	Redshirt season.															
2013	32-21	42	1.31	12	95	.316	1	0.03	0	0.00	8	0.25	0	12	12	0.38
2014	126-39	372	2.95	109	745	.353	5	0.04	3	0.02	42	0.33	1	94	98	0.78
2015	69-20	209	3.03	60	471	.316	3	0.04	0	0.00	25	0.36	4	65	69	1.00
CAREER	292-104	736	2.52	232	1631	.309	9	0.03	3	0.01	89	0.30	11	193	204	0.70

# 2015 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



## MEGAN COURTNEY

SENIOR | OH  
DAYTON, OHIO

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Posted a team-high 11 kills on .647 hitting with nine digs against Stony Brook (8/29) ... Recorded a double-double with a match-high 16 kills and 13 digs against Villanova (8/29) ... Tallied a double-double with 11 kills on .400 hitting and 13 digs against No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Led the team with 14 kills and 15 digs for a double-double at Notre Dame (9/12) ... Recorded 10 kills against Auburn (9/18) ... Led the team with 10 digs against St. John's (9/19) ... Logged a double-double with 10 kills and 14 digs against No. 16 Wisconsin (9/23)... Led the team with 22 kills against No.21 Minnesota (9/26), while adding 13 digs for a double-double ... Led the offense with 16 kills, a season-high 22 digs and a career-high eight blocks against No. 4 Nebraska (10/2) ...Tallied 12 kills and 13 digs against Iowa (10/3) ... Led the offense with 18 kills along with a team-high 19 digs at No. 13 Illinois (10/9) ... Logged a career-high 23 digs and 14 kills at Northwestern (10/10) ... Has missed the last three matches due to an injury.

**2015 HONORS** » Preseason All-Big Ten ... Penn State Classic MVP ... B1G/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament team ... Golden Dome Invite MVP.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Finished third on the team with 2.44 kills per set ... Ranked second on the team in digs per set (2.34), having led the team in the category seven times ... Earned NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player honors ... Opened the season with double-digit (12) kills against TCU (8/29) ... Notched at least eight kills against Iona (8/30) and William & Mary (8/30) on .400 or better hitting ... Had 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 10 kills against East Carolina (9/20) ... Had 14 digs at No. 5 Wisconsin (9/24) ... Registered double-digit kills at No. 17 Minnesota (9/27) and at No. 8 Nebraska (10/3) ... Tallied a team-high 11 kills at Iowa (10/4) ... Led the team with 13 digs against No. 15 Illinois (10/11) ... Put down 10 kills at Michigan (11/19), while also adding 10 digs for a double-double ... Had 11 kills in the NCAA second round match against Dayton (12/6) ... Picked up 13 digs in the NCAA regional finals against Wisconsin (12/13) ... Recorded a double-double with a career-high 23 kills and 16 digs in the NCAA national semifinals against Stanford (12/18), adding five blocks ... Totaled 11 kills, 14 digs and five blocks, including two solo stuffs in the NCAA national title match against BYU (12/20), earning NCAA Championship MVP honors.

**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.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	8	2	25	.240	0	1	4	4
Stony Brook	11	0	17	.647	0	1	9	4
Villanova	16	3	43	.302	2	1	13	4
Colorado	3	2	18	.056	2	1	12	3
Stanford	11	1	25	.400	1	2	13	1
Eastern Kentucky	4	2	16	.125	4	0	6	0
Mississippi State	9	2	26	.269	4	0	7	3
Notre Dame	14	1	28	.464	1	0	15	4
Auburn	10	0	24	.417	1	0	4	0
St. John's	6	2	16	.250	3	0	10	5
USF	5	1	21	.190	1	1	6	4
Wisconsin	10	3	23	.304	0	0	14	2
Minnesota	22	8	62	.226	1	0	13	5
Nebraska	16	9	62	.113	3	0	22	8
Iowa	12	5	34	.206	2	0	13	1
Illinois	18	4	46	.304	1	0	19	6
Northwestern	14	6	48	.167	3	0	23	4

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
22 vs. Minnesota (9/26)	Kills	23 vs. Stanford (12/18/14)
62, 2x last vs. Nebraska (10/2)	Attacks	62, 2x last vs. Nebraska (10/3/15)
.647 (11-0-17) vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	Hitting Percentage	.750 (15-0-20) vs. Indiana (10/3/13)
4, 2x last vs. Mississippi State (9/12)	Assists	7 vs. Wisconsin (9/24/14)
2, vs. Stanford (9/5)	Aces	2, 5x last vs. Stanford (9/5/15)
23 at Northwestern (10/10)	Digs	23 at Northwestern (10/10/15)
8 vs. Nebraska (10/2)	Blocks	8, 2x last vs. Nebraska (10/2/15)

### COURTNEY'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2012	120-36	240	2.00	88	632	.241	33	0.28	13	0.11	237	1.98	32	69	101	0.84
2013	120-35	297	2.47	96	740	.272	32	0.27	1	0.01	301	2.51	28	59	87	0.73
2014	127-39	310	2.44	85	794	.283	66	0.52	11	0.09	297	2.34	16	78	94	0.74
2015	58-17	189	3.26	51	534	.258	29	0.50	7	0.12	203	3.50	17	41	58	1.00
CAREER	425-127	1,036	2.44	320	2,700	.265	160	0.38	32	0.08	1,038	2.44	93	247	340	0.80



## LARA CARAWAY

SENIOR | DS  
EVANS CITY, Pa.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Stony Brook	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Auburn	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
St John's	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
USF	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Illinois	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	.000	0	0	8	0
Purdue	0	0	0	.000	0	0	7	0
Michigan	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Made appearances on the court against Buffalo and Stony Brook in the Penn State Classic ... Saw action on the court against Eastern Kentucky at the Golden Dome Invitational ... Played in all three matches at the USF Invitational ... Had two digs against Auburn (9/18) and one dig at USF (9/19) ... Saw action on the court at Northwestern (10/10) ... Recorded a career-high eight digs in her first collegiate start against Indiana (10/16) ... Started against No. 13 Purdue (10/17) and logged seven digs ... Had one dig at No. 23 Michigan (10/21).

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Saw action in 11 matches this season, making five appearances in Big Ten conference matches ... Played in all three matches during a 3-0 opening week, matching a career high mark with two digs against Iona (8/30) ... Tallied one ace against American (9/12) at the Villanova Classic ... Matched a season-high mark with two digs against Yale (9/13) ... Had one dig against Michigan (10/24) and one at Minnesota (11/15).

**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.

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	N/A
N/A	Attacks	1 vs. Marquette (9/13/13)
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
N/A	Assists	1, 2x last at FGCU (9/14/13)
N/A	Aces	1, 5x, last vs. American (9/12/14)
8 vs. Indiana (10/16)	Digs	8 vs. Indiana (10/16/15)
N/A	Blocks	N/A

### CARAWAY'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2012	24-16	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.04	3	0.12	5	0.21	0	0	0	0.00
2013	24-21	0	0.00	0	1	.000	1	0.04	1	0.04	6	0.25	0	0	0	0.00
2014	16-13	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.06	1	0.06	7	0.44	0	0	0	0.00
2015	19-12	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	19	1.00	0	0	0	0.00
CAREER	83-62	0	0.00	0	1	.000	3	0.04	5	0.06	37	0.45	0	0	0	0.00

# 2015 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



## KENDALL PIERCE

SENIOR | DS  
EDEN, N.Y.

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Had two digs in her first collegiate start at libero against Buffalo (8/28) ... Had one ace and five digs against Villanova (8/29) ... Recorded two digs against No. 21 Colorado (9/4) ... Highlighted the Golden Dome Invitational with two digs at Notre Dame (9/12) ... Recorded two aces and two digs against St. John's (9/19) ... Matched a season-high mark with five digs against No. 16 Wisconsin (9/23) ... Logged a career-high 10 digs at No. 13 Illinois (10/9) ... Registered one ace and eight digs against Indiana (10/16) ... Tallied eight digs at No. 23 Michigan (10/21).

**2015 HONORS** » Co-president of Athletes Take Action, an anti-bullying program for middle school students ... Senior CLASS Award Candidate.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Saw action in 37 of the team's 39 matches, totaling 47 digs and four aces ... Played in all three matches in a 3-0 opening weekend, highlighting the weekend with two digs against William & Mary (8/30) ... Had 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), at Indiana (10/18) and at Northwestern (11/26) ... Posted two aces and three digs in the NCAA second round match against Dayton (12/6) ... Logged three digs in the NCAA regional final match against Wisconsin (12/13) ... Had a career-high five digs in the NCAA national semifinal match against Stanford (12/18) ... Recorded two digs in the NCAA national title match against BYU (12/20).

**2014 HONORS** » 2014-15 Big Ten Distinguished Scholar ... Academic All-Big Ten. ... Student Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB) Treasurer.

**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 sophomore on the team ... Majoring in health policy and administration with a minor in communication and sciences.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	2	0	2	0
Stony Brook	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Villanova	0	0	0	.000	1	1	5	0
Colorado	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
Stanford	0	1	0	-.1000	0	0	1	0
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Mississippi State	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Notre Dame	0	0	1	.000	0	0	2	0
Auburn	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
St John's	0	0	0	.000	0	2	2	0
USF	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	.000	0	0	5	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Iowa	0	0	0	.000	0	0	4	0
Illinois	0	0	0	.000	2	2	10	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	.000	0	0	6	0
Indiana	0	0	0	.000	1	1	8	0
Purdue	0	0	0	.000	1	0	5	0
Michigan	0	0	0	.000	1	0	8	0

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	1 at Minnesota (9/27/14)
1 vs. Notre Dame (9/12)	Attacks	1, 3x last vs. Notre Dame (9/12/15)
N/A	Hitting Percentage	1.000 (1-0-1) at Minnesota (9/27/14)
2, 2x last at Illinois (10/9)	Assists	2, 2x last at Illinois (10/9/15)
2, 2x last at Illinois (10/9)	Aces	2, 2x last at Illinois (10/9/15)
10 vs. Illinois (10/9)	Digs	10 at Illinois (10/9/15)
N/A	Blocks	N/A

### PIERCE'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2012	29-18	0	0.00	0	0	.000	2	0.07	9	0.31	7	0.24	0	0	0	0.00
2013	83-34	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.01	7	0.08	21	0.25	0	0	0	0.00
2014	79-37	1	0.01	0	2	.500	2	0.03	4	0.05	47	0.59	0	0	0	0.00
2015	57-20	0	0.00	1	2	-.500	8	0.14	6	0.11	66	1.16	0	0	0	0.00
CAREER	248-109	1	0.00	1	4	.000	13	0.05	26	0.10	141	0.57	0	0	0	0.00



## CARLEY MULLER

JUNIOR | DS  
MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIF.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Stony Brook	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Colorado	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0
Mississippi State	0	0	0	.000	0	2	5	0
Notre Dame	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0
USF	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Made her 2015 debut against Stony Brook (8/29) ... Played against No. 21 Colorado (9/4) ... Had a career-high outing against Mississippi State (9/12), leading the team with two aces and logging five digs ... Posted three digs at Notre Dame (9/12) ... Saw action on the court at No. 13 Illinois (10/9).

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » A 2014-15 Big Ten Distinguished Scholar ... 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) ... Played against Michigan (10/24) ... Made her NCAA tournament debut against Siena (12/5).

**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) ... Made her NCAA Tournament debut against Siena (12/5).

**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.

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	N/A
N/A	Attacks	N/A
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
1 vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11)	Assists	1 vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11/15)
2 vs. Mississippi State (9/12)	Aces	2 vs. Mississippi State (9/12/15)
5 vs. Mississippi State (9/12)	Digs	5 vs. Mississippi State (9/12/15)

### MULLER'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2013	7-7	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
2014	14-14	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	1	0.07	2	0.14	0	0	0	0.00
2015	11-8	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.09	2	0.18	8	0.73	0	0	0	0.00
CAREER	32-29	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.03	3	0.09	10	0.31	0	0	0	0.00

# 2015 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



## LAURA BROERMAN

JUNIOR | DS  
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Will miss the 2015 season due to an injury.

**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

### 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	15-17	0	0	0	.000	0	2	3	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.18	0.00
CAREER	20-22	0	0	0	.000	0	3	5	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.23	0.00

(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) ... Had one ace against Michigan (10/24) ... Played against Ohio State (10/28).

**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 three 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.



## TAYLOR KRAUSE

JUNIOR | DS  
ALLENTOWN, Pa.

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Had five digs and one ace against Stony Brook (8/29) ... Posted a career-high seven digs against Villanova (8/29) ... Posted four digs and one ace against No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Had an ace vs. ECU (9/11) ... Recorded one dig against No. 16 Wisconsin (9/23) ... Logged a career-high 10 digs against No. 21 Minnesota (9/26).

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Had one dig against UCLA (9/6) ... Posted two digs at 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 in the NCAA title match vs. BYU (2/20).

**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.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Stony Brook	0	0	0	.000	1	1	5	0
Villanova	0	0	0	.000	0	1	7	0
Colorado	0	0	0	.000	0	1	2	0
Stanford	0	0	0	.000	1	1	4	0
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0
Mississippi State	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Notre Dame	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Auburn	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
USF	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0	10	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	.000	0	1	4	0
Iowa	0	0	0	.000	1	0	4	0
Illinois	0	0	0	.000	1	0	2	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0
Indiana	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	.000	1	0	3	0

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	1, vs. American (9/12/14)
N/A	Attacks	1 vs. American (9/12/14)
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
1, 5x last at Michigan (10/21)	Assists	1, 5x last at Michigan (10/21/15)
1, 6x last vs. Nebraska (10/2)	Aces	1, 6x last vs. Nebraska (10/2/15)
10 vs. Minnesota (9/26)	Digs	10 vs. Minnesota (9/26/15)

### KRAUSE'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2013	10-10	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	0.50	0	0	0	0.00
2014	29-20	1	0.03	0	1	1.000	0	0.00	1	0.03	8	0.28	0	0	0	0.00
2015	46-18	0	0.00	0	0	.000	5	0.11	7	0.15	46	1.00	0	0	0	0.00
CAREER	85-48	1	0.01	0	1	1.000	5	0.06	8	0.09	59	0.69	0	0	0	0.00



## HEIDI THELEN

SOPHOMORE | MB  
EDGEWOOD, KY.

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Made her 2015 debut against Buffalo (8/28) with seven blocks ... Posted three kills and a career-high nine total blocks against Stony Brook (8/29) ... Recorded two digs and four blocks against Villanova (8/29) ... Had four kills on .800 hitting against No. 21 Colorado (9/4), adding seven blocks ... Recorded three kills and two blocks at Notre Dame (9/12) ... Logged five kills on nine perfect swings against South Florida (9/19), adding five blocks ... Recorded four blocks against No. 21 Minnesota (9/26) ... Matched a career-high mark with nine total blocks at No. 23 Michigan (10/21).

**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) ... Made her NCAA tournament debut with a solo stuff against Siena to clinch the match (12/5).

**PERSONAL** » Born Heidi Ellen Thelen on Sept. 5, 1996 ... Parents are Ashley and Jon ... Has two brothers, Jake and Nick and two sisters, Hannah and Grace ... Names "Grey's Anatomy" as favorite TV show, pizza as her favorite food, Angelina Jolie and Ryan Gosling as favorite actress and actor ... Majoring in behavioral health.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	1	2	4	.250	0	0	1	7
Stony Brook	3	0	5	.600	0	0	0	9
Villanova	0	0	2	.000	1	0	2	4
Colorado	4	0	5	.800	0	0	0	7
Stanford	1	1	3	.000	0	0	1	3
Eastern Kentucky	1	1	5	.000	5	0	0	1
Mississippi State	0	1	3	-.333	0	0	1	1
Notre Dame	3	0	5	.600	0	0	1	2
Auburn	4	1	7	.429	0	0	0	4
St John's	3	0	10	.300	0	0	0	3
USF	5	0	9	.556	1	0	0	5
Wisconsin	1	1	5	.000	1	0	2	0
Minnesota	2	3	6	-.167	0	0	1	4
Nebraska	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Indiana	1	0	2	.500	0	0	0	1
Purdue	0	1	1	-.500	0	0	0	0
Michigan	3	1	7	.286	0	0	0	9

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
5 at USF (9/19)	Kills	5 at USF (9/19/15)
10 vs. St John's (9/19)	Attacks	10 vs. St John's (9/19/15)
.800 (4-0-5) - vs. Colorado (9/4)	Hitting Percentage	.800 (4-0-5) - vs. Colorado (9/4/15)
5 vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11)	Assists	5 vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11/15)
N/A	Aces	N/A
2, vs. Villanova (8/29)	Digs	2 vs. Villanova (8/29/15)
9, 2x last at Michigan (10/21)	Blocks	9, 2x last at Michigan (10/21/15)

### THELEN'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2014	9-6	10	1.11	2	22	.364	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.11	0	6	7	0.78
2015	47-17	29	0.62	11	72	.250	8	0.17	0	0.00	9	0.19	6	45	51	1.09
CAREER	56-23	39	0.70	13	94	.277	8	0.14	0	0.00	10	0.18	7	51	58	1.04

# 2015 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



## ALI FRANTTI

SOPHOMORE | OH  
SPRING GROVE, ILL.

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Led the team with 10 kills against Stony Brook (8/29) ... Posted 12 digs against Villanova (8/29) ... Tied for first on the team with a season-high 13 kills against No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Led the team with 11 kills and six digs against Mississippi State (9/12) ... Tied for first on the team with 14 kills at Notre Dame (9/12) ... Led the team with 14 kills against No. 16 Wisconsin (9/23), adding six digs ... Posted 13 kills and nine digs against No. 21 Minnesota (9/26) ... Tallied 11 digs and put down seven kills against No. 4 Nebraska (10/2), marking her second double-digit dig performance of the season ... Logged 10 kills and five digs at No. 13 Illinois (10/9) ... Recorded a match-high 11 digs, and a career-high six blocks against No. 18 Purdue (10/17) ... Led the team with 17 digs at No. 23 Michigan (10/21).

**2015 HONORS** » Preseason All-Big Ten ... Penn State Classic All-Tournament Team ... Golden Dome Invitational All-Tournament Team.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Led the team with 3.20 kills per set on .310 hitting ... Her 391 kills closed out the year ranked ninth in the Big Ten standings ... 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 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) ... Led the team with a match-high 19 kills at No. 8 Nebraska (10/3) ... Posted 10 kills 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) ... Posted double-digit kills at No. 14 Purdue (10/17), adding seven digs ... Led the team with 15 kills against Michigan (10/24) on .429 hitting ... Put down 17 kills on .536 hitting in the regular season finale against Nebraska (12/29) ... Made her NCAA Tournament debut with nine kills and four digs against Siena (12/5) ... Finished second on the team with 16 kills and two aces in the NCAA national semifinals against top-ranked Stanford (12/18) ... Posted six kills and six digs in the NCAA title match against BYU (12/20).

**2014 HONORS** » AVCA DI National Freshman of the Year ... Second Team AVCA All-America ... AVCA All-Northeast Region & Freshman of the Year ... All-Big Ten honorable mention ... All-Big Ten Freshman team (unanimous) ... Big Ten Freshman of the Week (9/1, 9/8, 10/27) ... Penn State Classic Most Outstanding Player ... Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament Team.

**PERSONAL** » Born Alexandra Annelise Frantti on March 3, 1996 in Highland Park, Ill. ... Parents are Kelly and Dan Frantti ... Has three brothers, Connor, Peyton and Chase ... Names "Cake Boss" as favorite TV show, "Miracle" as favorite movie, Emma Stone and Ryan Reynolds as favorite actress and actor.

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
14, 2x last vs. Wisconsin (9/23)	Kills	22 at Stanford (9/5/14)
35 vs. Stanford (9/5)	Attacks	48 at Purdue (10/17/14)
.636 (7-0-11) vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11)	Hitting Percentage	.647 (11-0-17) vs. Yale (9/13/14)
1, 11x last at Michigan (10/21)	Assists	3 vs. Eastern Illinois (9/19/14)
1, 2x last vs. Purdue (10/17)	Aces	3 vs. Illinois (10/11/14)
17 at Michigan (10/21)	Digs	17 at Michigan (10/21/15)
6 vs. Purdue (10/17)	Blocks	6 vs. Purdue (10/17/15)

### FRANTTI'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2014	122-39	391	3.20	113	898	.310	21	0.17	28	0.23	159	1.30	10	48	58	0.48
2015	69-20	172	2.49	67	468	.224	12	0.17	3	0.04	132	1.91	3	22	25	0.36
CAREER	191-59	563	2.95	180	1366	.280	33	0.17	31	0.16	291	1.52	13	70	83	0.43

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	3	3	13	.000	1	0	6	2
Stony Brook	10	1	24	.375	1	0	3	2
Villanova	9	2	24	.292	0	0	12	0
Colorado	7	7	27	.000	0	0	4	1
Stanford	13	6	35	.200	1	0	5	1
Eastern Kentucky	7	0	11	.636	0	0	3	1
Mississippi State	11	2	26	.346	0	0	6	0
Notre Dame	14	4	27	.370	0	1	4	0
Auburn	7	2	15	.333	1	0	6	2
St John's	8	4	19	.211	1	0	5	1
USF	4	2	9	.222	1	0	6	0
Wisconsin	14	3	25	.440	1	0	6	0
Minnesota	13	6	33	.212	0	0	9	1
Nebraska	7	4	31	.097	1	0	11	0
Iowa	7	0	14	.500	0	0	4	1
Illinois	10	4	28	.214	1	0	5	1
Northwestern	6	7	29	-.034	0	0	2	2
Indiana	5	3	23	.087	0	0	7	0
Purdue	9	2	22	.318	1	0	11	6
Michigan	8	5	33	.091	1	0	17	2

# 2015 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



## SIMONE LEE

SOPHOMORE | OH  
MENOMONEE FALLS, WIS.

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Made appearances on the court in all three Penn State Classic matches, posting one kill against Buffalo (8/28) ... Put down three kills on .500 hitting against No. 21 Colorado (9/4) ... Logged two kills, two digs and once against Eastern Kentucky (9/11) ... Came off the bench with four kills on .500 hitting at USF (9/19) ... Recorded a season-high seven kills to go along with three digs and three blocks against No. 4 Nebraska (10/2) ... Matched a season-high mark with seven kills on .353 hitting with three blocks against Iowa (10/3) ... Put away six kills at No. 13 Illinois (10/9) ... Tied for first on the team with a career-high 14 kills at Northwestern (10/10), adding four blocks ... Led the team in kills for the second straight match against Indiana (10/16) posting 10 kills for her second consecutive double figure-kill performance ... Led the team with 12 kills against No. 18 Purdue (10/17) ... Logged 13 kills, three digs and a pair of solo stuffs at No. 23 Michigan (10/21).

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Totaled 135 kills in her first season in the Blue and White ... Made 26 appearances on the court, including two starts ... Recorded double figure kills a total of five times during the year, while also leading the team in the category in three matches ... Tallied 25 total blocks on the year, including five solo stuffs ... 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) ... Came off the bench with four kills in the final set at Northwestern (11/26) ... Made her NCAA debut with six kills vs. Siena (12/6) ... Came off the bench with 12 kills in the NCAA regional finals vs. Wisconsin (12/13).

**PERSONAL** » Born Simone Alexandra Lee on Oct. 7, 1996 in Milwaukee, Wis. ... Parents are Karen and Arthur Lee ... Mother was a student-athletes at Drake ... Has one sister, who plays volleyball at Eastern Illinois ... Names "Modern Family" as her favorite TV show, pizza as her favorite food, Meryl Streep as favorite actress and reading and listening to music as hobbies ... Majoring in broadcast journalism.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	1	0	1	1.00	0	0	0	0
Stony Brook	0	1	4	.250	0	0	0	0
Villanova	0	1	2	.500	0	0	0	0
Colorado	3	0	6	.500	0	0	0	1
Eastern Kentucky	2	1	5	.200	0	1	2	1
Mississippi State	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Auburn	1	1	2	.000	0	0	0	0
St John's	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
USF	4	1	6	.500	0	0	0	1
Minnesota	1	0	1	1.00	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	7	6	26	.038	1	0	3	3
Iowa	7	1	17	.353	0	0	2	3
Illinois	6	4	19	.105	0	0	0	3
Northwestern	14	5	31	.290	0	0	1	4
Indiana	10	1	19	.474	0	0	0	2
Purdue	12	4	24	.333	0	0	2	1
Michigan	13	6	29	.241	0	0	3	2

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
14 at Northwestern (10/10)	Kills	14 at Northwestern (10/10/15)
31 at Northwestern (10/10)	Attacks	34 at Wisconsin (9/24/14)
.474 (10-1-19) vs. Indiana (10/16)	Hitting Percentage	.474 (10-1-19) vs. Indiana (10/16/15)
1 vs. Nebraska (10/2)	Assists	1, 2x last vs. Nebraska (10/2)
1 vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11)	Aces	1 vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11)
3 vs. Nebraska (10/2)	Digs	4 vs. William & Mary (8/30/14)
4 at Northwestern (10/10)	Blocks	4 at Northwestern (10/10/15)

### LEE'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2014	64-26	135	2.11	53	350	.234	1	0.02	0	0.00	28	0.44	5	20	25	0.39
2015	44-17	81	1.84	32	192	.255	1	0.02	1	0.02	13	0.30	3	18	21	0.48
CAREER	108-43	216	2.00	85	542	.242	2	0.02	1	0.01	41	0.38	8	38	46	0.43

# 2015 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



## LAINY PIERCE

SOPHOMORE | DS  
EDEN, N.Y

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Made her 2015 debut against Auburn (9/18), logging one dig ... Had one dig against South Florida (9/19) ... Had one dig against No. 16 Wisconsin (9/23) ... Posted a season-high two digs against No. 4 Nebraska (10/2).

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Played in 30 of the team's 39 total matches during her first season in the Blue and White ... Totaled 11 service aces and 19 digs ... Made her collegiate debut in the season-opener against TCU (8/29) ... Played against both Iona (8/30) and William & Mary (8/30), recording her first collegiate ace against the Gaels and two digs against the Tribe ... Recorded one ace at No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Made her Big Ten debut against No. 15 Illinois (10/11) ... Had three digs against Iowa (11/12) ... Posted one ace against Minnesota (11/15) ... Set a career-high mark with two aces and one dig against Maryland (11/8) ... Matched a career-high with two aces against Nebraska (11/29) ... Saw action on the court in all six matches during the NCAA Tournament ... Made her NCAA Tournament debut vs. Siena (12/5) ... Recorded two digs in the NCAA second round match against Dayton (12/6) ... Totaled a career-high three digs in the NCAA national title match against BYU (12/20).

**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 Penn State track & field team from 1984-89 ... Sister, Kendall is a senior on the Nittany Lion women's volleyball team ... Names "Modern Family" as favorite TV show, Sarah Hyland and Jonah Hill as favorite actors and pizza as favorite food ... Plans to major in public relations and minor in human development and family studies.

### PIERCE'S 2015 SEASON HIGHS

**Kills:** ..... N/A  
**Attacks:** ..... 1, 2x last - vs. Wisconsin (9/23)  
**Hitting Percentage:** ..... N/A  
**Assists:** ..... N/A  
**Aces:** ..... 1 - vs. Auburn (9/19)  
**Digs:** ..... 1, 2x last - vs. Wisconsin (9/23)  
**Blocks:** ..... N/A

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Auburn	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0
St John's	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
USF	0	0	1	.000	0	0	1	0
Wisconsin	0	0	1	.000	0	0	1	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
Indiana	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0

### PIERCE'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2015	22-8	0	0.00	0	2	.000	0	0.00	1	0.05	6	0.27	0	0	0	0.00
CAREER	83-38	0	0.00	0	3	.000	4	0.05	12	0.14	25	0.30	0	0	0	0.00



## HALEIGH WASHINGTON

SOPHOMORE | MB  
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Posted seven kills on .700 hitting with five blocks against Buffalo (8/29) ... Recorded seven kills and four blocks against Stony Brook (8/29) ... Logged six kills and six blocks against Villanova (8/29) ... Had 12 kills on .526 hitting against No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Led the team with nine kills against EKU (9/11) ... Posted a team-high seven blocks against Miss. State (9/12) ... Had 11 kills against Auburn (9/18) ... Logged her first career double figure blocking performance with 11 vs. St. John's (9/19) ... Posted 10 kills at USF (9/19) ... Had 11 kills on .786 hitting against No. 16 Wisconsin (9/23), leading the team with five blocks ... Recorded a season-high 13 kills against No. 21 Minnesota (9/26) ... Led the team with nine blocks and 11 kills against No. 4 Nebraska (10/2) ... Recorded 11 kills against Iowa (10/3) ... Led the team with seven blocks and 11 kills at No. 13 Illinois (10/9) ... Tallied a team-high eight blocks at Northwestern (10/10) ... Logged 10 kills against No. 13 Purdue (10/17), adding nine blocks ... Had a career-high 17 kills on .598 hitting at No. 23 Michigan (10/21), along with eight blocks and two aces.

**2015 HONORS** » Preseason All-Big Ten ... B1G/Pac-12 Challenge MVP ... Big Ten Player of the Week (9/7, 9/21, 9/28) ... USF Invitational All-Tournament.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Her .463 hitting clip finished first on the team ... Made her collegiate debut against Yale (9/12), posting six kills ... Hit .700 with seven kills against UIC (9/20) ... Finished second on the team with a season-high 14 kills against No. 15 Illinois (10/11), while also leading the team with seven blocks ... Recorded nine kills and eight blocks at No. 14 Purdue (10/17) ... Tallied 10 kills against Michigan (10/24) ... Led the team with seven blocks, including three solo stuffs against No. 17 Ohio State (10/28) ... Set a career-high mark with nine total blocks at No. 17 Ohio State (10/31) ... Earned Big Ten Player of the Week honors for her performances against the Buckeyes ... Had back-to-back double-digit kill performances against Rutgers (11/7) and Maryland (11/8) ... Led the team with nine kills and six blocks in her NCAA Tournament debut v. Siena (12/5) ... Had 12 kills on .526 hitting with five blocks in the regional semifinals against UCLA (12/12) ... Put down 10 kills and five blocks in the regional finals against Wisconsin (12/13) ... Posted four blocks in the national finals against BYU (12/20).

**2014 HONORS** » Big Ten Freshman of the Year ... Louisville Regional All-Tournament ... Big Ten Player of the Week (11/3) ... Big Ten Freshman of the Week (11/10, 11/17) ... All-Big Ten ... Big Ten Freshman of the Year ... All-Big Ten Freshman team (unanimous).

**PERSONAL** » Born Haleigh Meridian Washington on Sept. 22, 1995 in Denver, Colo. ... Parents are Danielle and Alecs ... Has one brother, Kayden and one sister, Leilani ... Names the "Frashington Omelet" as favorite food, Robin Williams as favorite actor, "Eat Pray Love" as her favorite book and reading, drawing and writing as hobbies ... Majoring in Philosophy.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	7	0	10	.700	0	1	0	5
Stony Brook	7	1	9	.667	0	0	1	4
Villanova	6	3	16	.188	0	0	4	6
Colorado	8	0	16	.500	0	1	1	4
Stanford	12	2	19	.526	1	0	4	3
Eastern Kentucky	9	2	15	.467	0	3	2	4
Mississippi State	8	1	13	.538	0	1	1	7
Notre Dame	5	0	13	.385	0	1	2	5
Auburn	11	0	13	.846	0	1	2	3
St John's	6	1	9	.556	0	1	3	11
USF	10	1	12	.750	0	0	1	0
Wisconsin	11	0	14	.786	0	2	3	5
Minnesota	13	4	27	.333	0	2	2	5
Nebraska	11	3	29	.276	0	1	1	9
Iowa	11	5	19	.316	1	1	0	3
Illinois	11	3	27	.296	0	1	3	7
Northwestern	9	2	19	.368	0	0	1	8
Indiana	5	1	16	.250	0	0	3	3
Purdue	10	0	17	.588	0	0	1	9
Michigan	17	1	27	.539	0	2	1	5

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
17 at Michigan (10/21)	Kills	17 at Michigan (10/21/15)
29 vs. Nebraska (10/2)	Attacks	29 vs. Nebraska (10/2/15)
.846 (11-0-13) vs. Auburn (9/18)	Hitting Percentage	.846 (11-0-13) vs. Auburn (9/18/15)
1, 2x last vs. Iowa (10/3)	Assists	3 vs. Eastern Illinois (9/19/14)
3 vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11)	Aces	3 vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11/15)
4, 2x last vs. Stanford (9/5)	Digs	4, 2x last vs. Stanford (9/5/15)
11 vs. St John's (9/19)	Blocks	11 vs. St John's (9/19/15)

### WASHINGTON'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2014	80-27	208	2.60	37	369	.463	5	0.06	0	0.00	23	0.29	17	79	96	1.20
2015	69-20	187	2.71	30	340	.462	2	0.03	18	0.26	36	0.52	19	87	106	1.54
CAREER	149-47	395	2.65	67	709	.463	7	0.05	18	0.12	59	0.40	36	166	202	1.36

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## NIA REED

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN | OH  
FORT LEE, N.J.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Stony Brook	0	1	4	-.250	0	0	0	0
E. Kentucky	3	0	3	1.00	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Indiana	6	3	14	.214	0	0	0	2
Purdue	3	3	9	.000	0	0	0	1
Michigan	0	2	4	-.500	0	0	0	0

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Made her collegiate debut against Stony Brook (8/29) ... Had a career-high three kills without any attack errors against Eastern Kentucky (9/11) ... Made her Big Ten collegiate debut at Northwestern (10/10)...Tallied a career-high six kills to go along with a career-high two blocks against Indiana (10/16) ... Tallied three kills and one block against No. 13 Purdue (10/17).

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Redshirt 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 ... Names "Scandal" and "Game of Thrones" as favorite TV shows, Mexican as favorite food, Kerry Washington as favorite actress, and sleeping and interior decorating as favorite hobbies ... Majoring in Communications.

### REED'S CAREER STATS

2015	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
	12-6	12	1.00	9	34	.088	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	3	3	0.25



## BRYANNA WEISKIRCHER

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN | S  
ROCKFORD, ILL.

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Made her collegiate debut against Buffalo (8/28), dishing out 18 assists to go along with three digs ... Had 30 assists and three digs against Stony Brook (8/29) ... Logged her third match with at least one ace against Villanova (8/29), adding 37 assists ... Had four digs and three blocks against No. 21 Colorado ... Paced four of her top attackers to double figure kills in the win against No. 2 Stanford (9/5) with a career-high 41 assists and eight digs ... Paced the team to a .361 hitting percentage in the win against ECU (9/11), dishing out 19 assists to go along with a team-high nine digs .. Had three kills and a career-high five total blocks against Mississippi State (9/12) ... Recorded four kills and 36 assists against Auburn (9/18) ... Posted her first double-double with 32 assists and 15 digs at South Florida (9/19) ... Paced the team to a .376 hitting percentage against No. 16 Wisconsin, dishing out 43 assists ... Logged a season-high 54 assists against No. 21 Minnesota (9/26), adding 12 digs for a double-double ... Dished out 46 assists, posting 11 digs against No. 4 Nebraska (10/2) ... Had 34 assists, 10 digs and a season-high three aces against Iowa (10/3) ... Logged a double-double with 54 assists and 14 digs at No. 13 Illinois (10/9) ... Dished out 43 assists and 17 digs at Northwestern (10/10) marking her sixth double-double of the season ... Posted a career-high six blocks against Indiana (10/16) ... Led the team from the service line with a career-high four aces against No. 13 Purdue (10/17), while also pacing the team to a .315 hitting clip ... Logged a double-double with 53 assists and 12 digs at No. 23 Michigan (10/21).

**2015 HONORS** » Golden Dome Invitational All-Tournament Team ... USF Invitational All-Tournament.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Redshirt 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 Malia'okalani Weiskircher on May 25, 1996 in Rockford, Ill. ... Parents are Renita and Philip ... Has two brothers, Torey and Trevor and one sister, Natalie ... Names "Criminal Minds" as favorite TV show, steak as favorite food and hanging out with friends and family or watching the Blackhawks as hobbies ... Plans to major in Criminology.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	2	0	3	.667	18	1	3	0
Stony Brook	2	0	4	.500	30	1	3	2
Villanova	2	1	6	.167	37	1	7	2
Colorado	1	1	6	.000	18	2	4	3
Stanford	1	1	5	.000	41	1	8	1
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	2	.000	19	2	9	1
Mississippi State	3	0	4	.750	29	0	2	5
Notre Dame	0	2	5	.600	40	1	6	2
Auburn	4	1	7	.429	36	1	3	0
St John's	4	0	5	.800	31	2	2	4
USF	0	0	2	.000	32	0	15	0
Wisconsin	0	2	5	-.400	43	1	5	0
Minnesota	1	2	7	-.143	54	2	12	1
Nebraska	2	1	5	.200	46	0	11	3
Iowa	2	0	3	.667	34	3	10	1
Illinois	3	0	8	.375	54	0	14	3
Northwestern	0	0	0	.000	43	0	17	3
Indiana	2	1	6	.167	28	0	9	6
Purdue	1	1	3	.000	36	4	6	3
Michigan	4	1	9	.333	53	2	12	4

### WEISKIRCHER'S CAREER STATS

2015	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
	69-20	34	0.49	14	95	.211	722	10.46	23	0.33	158	2.29	2	43	45	0.65

# 2015 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



## TORI GORRELL

FRESHMAN | MB  
OAKVILLE, ONTARIO

### Personal

Born Victoria Leigh McGregor Gorrell on March 11, 1997 in Hamilton, Ontario (Canada) ... Parents are Suzanne and Miles Gorrell ... Has one older sister ... Majoring in parks, tourism and recreation management ... Names "Scooby Doo" as favorite TV show, "The Notebook" as favorite book ... "Titanic" as favorite movie ... Blake Lively as favorite actress ... Calgary styled beef as favorite food and paddle boarding as favorite hobby.

### High School

Attended Abbey Park High School ... Helped Abbey Park win the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association AAA volleyball championship ... Led the team to an undefeated season as well as the Halton Tier I and Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference AAA titles ... Played club volleyball with Toronto's Leaside, where she earned Ontario Volleyball Association (OVA) U17 All-Star honors in 2013-14 and Preseason Humber Tournament All-Star honors in 2014.

### Why Penn State?

"I chose Penn state because of it's amazing atmosphere. The people in the stands and the people you pass by on campus make this university unique. The coaching staff and supporting staff are the best a program could have. Not to mention the respected academic side of things that will give me an amazing education. Every time I step foot on campus a smile never leaves my face."



## JELENA NOVAKOVIĆ

FRESHMAN | RS  
BELGRADE, SERBIA

### Personal

Born Jelena Novakovic on August 2, 1996 in Belgrade, Serbia ... Parents are Vesna and Vladimir Novakovic ... Father, Vladimir was a member of the Yugoslavian national handball team, earning silver at the World Cup in Stockholm and gold at the Mediterranean games in Greece in 1991 ... Has two brothers, Nikola and Marko ... Names "Friends" as favorite TV show, "Twilight" as favorite book, four cheese chicken as favorite food and watching movies and hanging out with friends as hobbies.

### High School

Played club with Red Star Belgrade, helping the team to the National Cup in 2014 and a silver medal at the 2014 championship ... Named MVP of U17 International Belgrade Tournament ... Made back-to-back appearances in the European Championships League in 2013-14 with Red Star ... Earned gold medals at the European Championship with the U19 Serbian National team in 2014, as well as gold at the Balkan Championship in Subotica, Serbia.

### Why Penn State?

"The decision to leave Europe and come to the United States was one of the biggest and most important decisions in my life. The main reason why I chose Penn State was because of the possibility to play volleyball at the highest level and get the best education. It is a program that will help me in my development as a person and player, making me better every day."



## WILMA RIVERA

FRESHMAN | S  
CAROLINA, PUERTO RICO

### 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

» Made her collegiate debut against Buffalo ... Had four assists and one dig against No. 21 Colorado (9/4) ... Had a career-high nine digs at South Florida (9/19) ... Made her B1G debut at Illinois (10/9), posting four digs.

### Personal

Born Wilmarie Rivera Roldan on February 14, 1997 in San Juan, Puerto Rico ... Parents are Esmeralda and Wilmar Rivera ... Has two brothers, Wilmar and William ... Plans to major in biology or business.

### High School

A four-year team captain and MVP at Saint Francis School ... Helped her team to the 2014 Puerto Rico Lopa El Nuevo Dia Championship ... Earned LACC All-State Best Setter and MVP honors in 2014 ... Also lettered in track and field and softball, helping her softball team to an LACC championship in 2014 ... Member of the Puerto Rican National Team ... Named Best Setter at Copa Pan Americana U18 in 2013, while also earning silver with her team ... Earned the bronze medal at the NORCECA U18 games in 2013.

### Why Penn State?

"I chose Penn State because it is the best school and the best volleyball program. Penn State has an excellent academic program. It is a program that will help me in my development as a person and player, making me better every day."

## 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	8	0	4	0
Stony Brook	0	0	0	.000	5	0	3	0
Colorado	0	0	0	.000	3	0	1	0
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Auburn	0	0	0	.000	1	1	2	0
St John's	0	0	0	.000	1	2	2	0
USF	0	0	0	.000	2	1	9	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
Illinois	0	0	0	.000	0	0	4	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0

## RIVERA'S CAREER STATS

2015	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2015	24-11	0	0.00	0	0	.000	21	0.88	5	0.21	28	1.17	0	0	0	0.00



## KEETON HOLCOMB

FRESHMAN | DS  
BELLVILLE, TEXAS

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Made her collegiate debut against Buffalo (8/29), posting a career-high 10 digs ... Earned two starts at the libero position against Stony Brook (8/29) and Villanova (8/29), recording nine digs against the Seawolves ... Logged seven digs against No. 21 Colorado (9/4) and eight digs against No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Recorded back-to-back 20-dig performances in the same day, with a team-high mark against Mississippi State (9/12) and Notre Dame (9/12) ... Notched her third consecutive double-digit dig performance with a team-high 17 digs against Auburn (9/18) ... Logged 10 digs at South Florida (9/19) ... Had six digs against No. 16 Wisconsin (9/23) ... Posted a team-high 18 digs against No. 21 Minnesota (9/26) ... Led the team with a career-high 23 digs against No. 4 Nebraska (10/2), marking her seventh double-digit dig performance of the year...Recorded back-to-back double-digit dig performances at No. 13 Illinois (10/9) and Northwestern (10/10), posting 15 against the Wildcats ... Led the defense for the ninth time this season with 15 digs against Indiana (10/16) ... Scooped up nine digs against No. 13 Purdue (10/17) ... Recorded nine digs at No. 23 Michigan (10/21).

**PERSONAL** » Born Keeton Laurence Holcomb on March 4, 1997 in Bryan, Texas ... Parents are Stacy and Tom Holcomb ... Has two younger siblings, brother Harrison and sister, Jolie ... Names "The Office" as favorite TV show, "Looking for Alaska" as favorite book ... Reading and hiking as hobbies and her grandma's chicken and dumplings as her favorite food ... Undecided on a major.

**HIGH SCHOOL** » A four-year letterwinner and team MVP at Bellville High School in Bellville, Texas ... Team captain in 2014 ... Earned AAA First Team All-State honors in 2013-14, in addition to Texas Sports Writers Association and Texas Girls Coaching Association first team All-State awards in 2013 ... Named District Defensive MVP in 2011-12, while also earning first team All-District honors in 2014 ... A MaxPreps Second Team Volleyball All-American ... Named to 2014 Under Armour All-American Watch List ... Played club with Houston Juniors, earning 2012 All-Texas Team honorable mention honors ...Four-time Academic All-District and member of the National Honor Society.

**WHY PENN STATE?** » "On top of the fact that Penn State's volleyball program is one of the best in the country, it has been a childhood dream of mine to attend and represent this University's jersey through volleyball. Also, I was drawn to the high academic reputation."

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	3	0	10	0
Stony Brook	0	0	0	.000	0	1	9	0
Villanova	0	0	0	.000	2	1	4	0
Colorado	0	0	0	.000	1	0	7	0
Stanford	0	0	0	.000	1	0	8	0
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	.000	1	0	8	0
Mississippi State	0	0	0	.000	1	0	20	0
Notre Dame	0	0	0	.000	2	0	20	0
Auburn	0	0	0	.000	0	0	17	0
St John's	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0
USF	0	0	1	.000	2	0	10	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	.000	1	0	6	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	6	1	18	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	.000	3	0	23	0
Iowa	0	0	0	.000	5	0	5	0
Illinois	0	0	0	.000	3	0	13	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	.000	3	1	15	0
Indiana	0	0	0	.000	4	0	15	0
Purdue	0	0	0	.000	1	0	9	0
Michigan	0	0	0	.000	4	0	9	0

### HOLCOMB'S CAREER STATS

2015	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
	68-20	0	0.00	0	1	.000	43	0.63	4	0.06	229	3.37	0	0	0	0.00

# 2015 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## Match 1: #1 Penn State 3, Buffalo 0

Aug. 28, 2015 - University Park, Pa. | Rec Hall

#	Buffalo	S	Attack				Ast	Serve			Block				Pts	
			K	E	TA	Pct		SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE		BH
4	HATCHETT, Amber	3	4	3	9	.111	0	3	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	7.5
5	WATKINS, Valisha	2	0	7	10	-.700	0	0	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0.5
7	LIPSKI, Megan	3	5	4	23	.043	0	0	0	0	9	0	1	0	0	5.5
9	PRINZBACH, Marissa	3	0	0	0	-.000	21	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	0.0
10	LAIN, Akeila	3	8	11	26	-.115	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	8.5
14	SHADO, Cassie	3	7	3	15	.267	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	8.5
16	BOZINOSKI, Niki	3	0	0	0	-.000	1	0	1	3	10	0	0	0	0	0.0
8	OYAMA, Tessa	2	0	0	0	-.000	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
11	JORDAN, Raven	1	0	2	4	-.500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		3	24	30	87	-.069	23	3	7	4	31	0	6	1	1	30.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	10	10	27	.000	10-24	41%
2	8	11	33	-.091	10-25	40%
3	6	9	27	-.111	9-24	37%
29-73				39%		

### SET SCORES

Buffalo (0)	1	2	3	Team Records:
Penn State (3)	18	12	16	0-1
	25	25	25	1-0

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 3.0

#	Penn State	S	Attack				Ast	Serve			Block				Pts	
			K	E	TA	Pct		SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE		BH
4	Rivera, Wilma	3	0	0	0	.000	8	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0.0
5	Frantti, Ali	3	0	3	13	.000	1	0	1	0	6	0	2	0	0	4.0
14	Whitney, Aiyana	3	11	3	20	.400	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	12.5
15	Washington, Haleigh	3	7	1	9	.667	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	11.0
17	Courtney, Megan	3	8	2	25	.240	0	1	2	4	0	4	0	0	0	11.0
19	Thelen, Heidi	3	1	2	4	-.250	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	0	0	5.5
2	Caraway, Lara	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
3	Pierce, Kendall	2	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0.0
12	Holcomb, Keeton	2	0	0	0	.000	3	0	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	0.0
13	Krause, Taylor	3	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.0
21	Weiskircher, Bryanna	3	2	0	3	.667	18	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	3.0
22	Lee, Simone	3	1	0	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
Totals		3	33	10	76	.303	32	4	9	3	32	3	18	0	0	49.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	10	4	24	.250	11-19	57%
2	12	2	25	.400	10-12	83%
3	11	4	27	.259	10-17	58%
31-48				64%		

Site: University Park, Pa. (Recreation Building)  
Date: Aug 28, 2015 Attend: 2252 Time: 1:11  
Referees: Mike Paull, Carla Bunner  
Penn State Classic Match 2.

	1	2	3	Total
Tie scores	3	0	2	5
Lead change	2	0	1	3

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 12.0

**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.** - Top-ranked Penn State swept past Buffalo in three sets to capture a 3-0 season-opening victory.

Redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney fueled the offense with a match-high 11 kills on .400 hitting, adding three blocks.

Sophomore Heidi Thelen led the blocking unit with a career-high seven blocks, including two solo stuffs. Freshman Keeton Holcomb posted a team-high 10 digs in her first collegiate outing, stepping into the libero role in the second and third sets.

Redshirt freshman Bryanna Weiskircher and freshman Wilma Rivera both made their collegiate debuts at the setting position. Weiskircher tallied 18 assists, three digs, two kills and an ace, while Rivera posted eight assists and four digs.

Penn State opened the match on a 7-4 advantage for an early lead. Buffalo responded with a kill and a block to narrow the gap to one, 7-6. The Nittany Lions responded with a 6-2 streak to widen the lead to five, 13-8. Buffalo battled back with five unanswered points to tie the frame at 13-13.

Sophomore Ali Frantti broke open the knotted frame with a kill, beginning a 5-1 streak that lifted PSU ahead, 18-14.

The Bulls looked to cut off the momentum with a kill, 18-15, but Penn State regrouped with a 6-3 stretch to guide PSU to set point, 24-18. A Buffalo attack error on the next play secured a 25-18 win in the opening frame for the Nittany Lions.

The Nittany Lions got out to a hot start in the second set, using a 7-1 run for a solid advantage. Buffalo answered with a quick 3-1 spurt to trim the lead to four, 8-4. Washington sparked a 5-1 run with a kill to vault PSU ahead, 13-5. A Buffalo kill and a Penn State attack error gave the Bulls an opportunity, 13-7 but PSU rallied back with a 7-2 run to double the lead, 20-9.

Penn State continued to roll, as Courtney sparked a 5-3 stretch with a kill to carry the Nittany Lions to a 25-12 win in the second set.

Penn State and Buffalo kept it tight early in the third set. Tied at 7-7, sophomore Taylor Krause served up an ace to open up a 5-1 streak that pulled PSU ahead by four, 12-8. Buffalo responded with a 4-1 stretch to climb within one, 13-12. Penn State and Buffalo traded service errors, before a kill from Whitney opened up a 4-0 strike that sent PSU ahead 18-13, prompting the Bulls to call a timeout.

Buffalo came out of the break with a kill, 18-14, but Penn State regrouped with a 7-2 run to close out the third set with a 25-16 win to complete the sweep.

## Match 2: #1 Penn State 3, Stony Brook 0

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#	Stony Brook	S	Attack				Ast	Serve			Block				Pts	
			K	E	TA	Pct		SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE		BH
1	BROOKS, McKyla	3	8	6	20	.100	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8.5
3	KATH, Morgan	3	0	0	0	.000	28	1	2	0	8	0	2	0	1	2.0
7	AMORY, Melann	3	5	3	13	.154	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	5.0
8	FLETCHER, Kathy	3	13	8	36	.139	0	1	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	14.0
12	WILSON, Taylor	3	4	4	14	.000	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	4.5
13	HATHAWAY, Lo	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
11	VOGEL, Nicole	3	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	2	10	0	0	0	0	0.0
14	BOWMAN, Cydney	3	1	3	9	-.222	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2.0
Totals		3	31	24	92	-.076	30	3	7	4	32	0	4	1	1	36.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	9	7	29	.069	10-25	40%
2	7	11	32	-.125	10-24	41%
3	15	6	31	.290	14-25	56%
34-74				45%		

### SET SCORES

Stony Brook (0)	1	2	3	Team Records:
Penn State (3)	13	13	20	0-2
	25	25	25	2-0

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 2.0

#	Penn State	S	Attack				Ast	Serve			Block				Pts	
			K	E	TA	Pct		SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE		BH
5	Frantti, Ali	3	10	1	24	.375	1	0	1	1	3	0	2	0	0	11.0
14	Whitney, Aiyana	3	6	2	16	.250	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	8.5
15	Washington, Haleigh	3	7	1	9	.667	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	0	9.0
17	Courtney, Megan	3	11	0	17	.647	0	1	0	1	9	0	4	0	0	14.0
19	Thelen, Heidi	3	3	0	5	.600	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	8.0
21	Weiskircher, Bryanna	3	2	0	4	.500	30	1	1	0	3	0	2	0	1	4.0
2	Caraway, Lara	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
3	Pierce, Kendall	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
4	Rivera, Wilma	2	0	0	0	.000	5	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0.0
6	Reed, Nia	2	0	1	4	-.250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
10	Muller, Carley	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
12	Holcomb, Keeton	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
13	Krause, Taylor	2	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	1.0
22	Lee, Simone	1	0	1	4	-.250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		3	39	6	83	.398	37	4	5	3	35	1	25	0	1	56.5

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	17	2	28	.536	10-13	76%
2	10	1	26	.346	11-14	78%
3	12	3	29	.310	14-20	69%
35-47				74%		

Site: University Park, Pa. (Recreation Building)  
Date: Aug 29, 2015 Attend: Time: 1:08  
Referees: Carla Bunner, Nathan Mahaven  
Penn State Classic Match 4.

	1	2	3	Total
Tie scores	3	1	9	13
Lead change	2	0	4	6

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 13.5

**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.** - Behind double figure kills from senior Megan Courtney and sophomore Ali Frantti, No. 1 Penn State swept past Stony Brook in three sets.

Penn State out-blocked Stony Brook 13.5 to 2.0, led by multi-block performances from six different Nittany Lions. Sophomore Heidi Thelen led the group for the second consecutive outing, totaling nine blocks. Redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney tallied five blocks and six kills, while sophomore Haleigh Washington added four blocks and seven kills.

Tied at 3-3 early in the first set, Penn State cracked open the tied score with a 7-2 run to double the advantage, 10-5, prompting Stony Brook to call a timeout. Penn State and Stony Brook traded points out of the break, with the Seawolves using a 5-4 stretch to arrive within four, 14-10. Regrouping, Penn State put together a 9-3 run to construct a double digit lead, 23-13.

The Seawolves called a timeout looking to put an end to the run, but Washington came out of the huddle with a kill to make it set point, 24-13. Washington and Weiskircher teamed up for a block on the next play to secure a 24-13 win in the first set.

Penn State shot out to a 5-1 lead in the second set, capped off by back-to-back blocks. The Seawolves looked to break up the momentum with a kill, 5-2, but the Nittany Lions responded with a kill and an ace to make it 7-2. Stony Brook managed to cut off the run, 7-3, but PSU surged ahead on a 9-5 strike to bolster the lead, 16-8.

A Penn State service error and a Stony Brook kill put the Seawolves within six, 16-10, but Penn State didn't let its advantage dip below the mark for the remainder of the frame, locking up a 25-13 win to enter the intermission with a 2-0 lead.

The Nittany Lions and the Seawolves kept it close in the first half of the third set. Tied at 13-13, Penn State followed Stony Brook attack error with an ace from junior Taylor Krause to pull ahead 15-13. The Seawolves responded with a kill, 15-14, but the Nittany Lions answered with two quick points to stay on top, 17-14.

Stony Brook came storming back with four unanswered points to tie the score, 17-17. Frantti halted the momentum with three consecutive kills to lift the Nittany Lions ahead by two, 20-18. Thelen responded with a kill to spark a 4-1 stretch that pushed PSU to set point, 24-19. The Seawolves held off one attempt before Courtney closed out a 25-20 win in the third set to complete the sweep.

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## Match 3: #1 Penn State 3, Villanova 0

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#	Villanova	Attack				Pct	Ast	Serve			Dig	Block				Pts
		S	K	E	TA			SA	SE	RE		BS	BA	BE	BH	
4	PETIT, Emma	3	2	1	7	.143	39	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	3.0
6	CRUTCHFIELD, Claire	3	8	2	21	.286	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	8.5
15	PETHOKOUKIS, Gabby	3	6	3	18	.167	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	7.5
18	CARPENTER, Lauren	3	10	4	26	.231	0	0	0	2	8	0	1	0	0	10.5
28	LOITZ, Allie	3	11	7	34	.118	2	1	2	1	7	0	2	1	0	13.0
99	PEDERSON-HENRY, A.	3	7	1	17	.353	1	0	0	0	9	0	1	0	0	7.5
2	DWYER, Anna	3	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1.0
7	ADAMS, Michelle	3	0	0	0	.000	2	0	1	1	18	0	0	0	0	0.0
9	BERENDT, Michaela	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
17	FITZGERALD, Allison	3	0	0	1	.000	0	0	1	0	9	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		3	44	18	124	.210	44	3	5	4	58	0	8	1	1	51.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	15	7	43	.186	13-25	51%
2	16	4	43	.279	17-24	70%
3	13	7	38	.158	14-25	56%
					44-74	59%

### TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 4.0

SET SCORES	1	2	3	Team Records:
Villanova (0)	20	23	21	2-1
Penn State (3)	25	25	25	3-0

#	Penn State	Attack				Pct	Ast	Serve			Dig	Block				Pts
		S	K	E	TA			SA	SE	RE		BS	BA	BE	BH	
5	Frantti, Ali	3	9	2	24	.292	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	9.0
14	Whitney, Aiyana	3	14	2	28	.429	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	15.0
15	Washington, Haleigh	3	6	3	16	.188	0	0	2	0	4	1	5	0	0	9.5
17	Courtney, Megan	3	16	3	43	.302	2	1	0	0	13	0	4	0	0	19.0
19	Thelen, Heidi	3	0	0	2	.000	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	1	0	1.5
21	Weiskircher, Bryanna	3	2	1	6	.167	37	0	2	1	7	0	2	0	0	3.0
3	Pierce, Kendall	3	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	1.0
12	Holcomb, Keeton	3	0	0	0	.000	2	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
13	Krause, Taylor	3	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	1.0
22	Lee, Simone	1	0	1	2	-.500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		3	47	12	121	.289	43	4	5	3	55	1	16	3	0	60.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	14	3	39	.282	13-20	64%
2	18	5	45	.289	18-24	75%
3	15	4	37	.297	14-21	66%
					45-65	69%

### TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 9.0

Site: University Park, Pa. (Recreation Building)  
 Date: Aug 29, 2015 Attend: 3716 Time: 1:29  
 Referees: Nathan Mahaven, Carla Bunner  
 Penn State Classic Match 6.

Tie scores	1	2	3	Total
	7	13	7	27
Lead change	2	4	3	9

**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.** - No. 1 Penn State claimed the Penn State Classic title with a 3-0 win against Villanova. Megan Courtney earned Penn State Class Most Outstanding Player honors while Aiyana Whitney and Ali Frantti joined her on the All-Tournament Team.

Five different Nittany Lions logged multi-block performances, led by six total blocks from sophomore Haleigh Washington.

Penn State and Villanova opened the match trading points early to keep the score tight. Tied up at 10-all, PSU used a 3-0 streak capped off by a kill from Courtney to go up 13-10, causing the Wildcats to call a timeout. The Nittany Lions came out of the break with an ace and a kill, but Villanova answered with three consecutive kills to move within two, 15-13.

Whitney sparked a quick 3-0 spurt with back-to-back kills to put Penn State ahead 18-13, prompting Villanova to call its final timeout of the frame. The Wildcats broke up the run with a kill, 18-14, but a Nova attack error and a kill from Courtney widened the margin to six, 20-14. Villanova responded with a 3-0 strike to trim the lead back to three, 20-17.

Courtney and Frantti put away a pair of kills to open a 4-2 stretch that carried Penn State to set point, 24-19. The Wildcats held off one attempt before Frantti put down a kill to secure a 25-20 win in the first set.

Tied up at 14-14 in set two, Washington and Frantti paired up for back-to-back kills to build a two-point cushion, 16-14, prompting Villanova to call a timeout. Penn State and Villanova traded points out of the break, 17-16, before a kill from Frantti and a Nova error moved PSU up, 19-16.

Making a late rally, Villanova responded with a 7-4 scoring streak to knot the stanza, 23-23, forcing Penn State to call a timeout. Washington and Weiskircher came out of the break with a block to cut off the momentum and make it set point for Penn State, 24-23. Villanova looked to regroup with a timeout, but a Wildcat attack error on the next play handed PSU a 25-23 win in the second set.

Trailing by one, 11-10, in set three, Villanova used a 6-4 stretch remain on top, prompting PSU to call a timeout. PSU came out of the break firing, using a 3-0 streak to knot the frame, 17-17. Villanova called a timeout in an effort to regroup, but an ace from Courtney and a kill from Washington lifted PSU ahead, 19-17.

The Wildcats answered back with a kill to remain within one, 19-18, but Penn State used a 6-3 run down the stretch to close out a 25-21 win in the third set to secure the victory.

## Match 4: #1 Penn State 3, #21 Colorado 0

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#	Colorado	Attack				Pct	Ast	Serve			Dig	Block				Pts
		S	K	E	TA			SA	SE	RE		BS	BA	BE	BH	
3	Austin, Alexis	3	8	10	29	-.069	0	0	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	8.5
4	Pfefferle, Anna	3	3	3	10	.000	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	5.0
5	Edelman, Nicole	3	7	4	21	.143	20	1	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	8.5
11	D'Agosta, Abbie	3	1	0	1	1.000	0	0	2	1	12	0	0	0	0	1.0
13	Simpson, Gabby	3	6	8	23	-.087	11	0	1	0	15	0	0	0	0	6.0
14	Abu, Naghede	3	8	1	12	.583	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	9.5
2	Shadley, Stephanie	3	1	1	4	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1.5
7	Carta-Samuels, Gabby	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
8	Cuff, Katelyn	3	1	0	2	.500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
9	Lea, Aidan	3	0	2	7	-.286	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
10	Simpson, Cierra	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	1	9	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		3	35	29	109	.055	31	3	11	5	42	0	6	3	0	41.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	12	10	31	.065	12-25	47%
2	10	11	41	-.024	13-24	54%
3	13	8	37	.135	12-25	47%
					37-74	50%

### TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 3.0

SET SCORES	1	2	3	Team Records:
Colorado (0)	19	21	18	2-2
Penn State (3)	25	25	25	4-0

#	Penn State	Attack				Pct	Ast	Serve			Dig	Block				Pts
		S	K	E	TA			SA	SE	RE		BS	BA	BE	BH	
5	Frantti, Ali	3	7	7	27	.000	0	0	1	2	4	0	1	0	0	7.5
14	Whitney, Aiyana	3	3	3	15	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	5.0
15	Washington, Haleigh	3	8	0	16	.500	0	1	1	0	1	1	3	2	0	11.5
17	Courtney, Megan	3	3	2	18	.056	2	1	1	0	12	1	2	0	0	6.0
19	Thelen, Heidi	3	4	0	5	.800	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	7.5
21	Weiskircher, Bryanna	3	1	1	6	.000	18	2	1	0	4	1	2	0	0	5.0
3	Pierce, Kendall	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.0
4	Rivera, Wilma	2	0	0	0	.000	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
10	Muller, Carley	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
12	Holcomb, Keeton	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0.0
13	Krause, Taylor	2	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1.0
22	Lee, Simone	1	3	0	6	.500	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3.5
Totals		3	29	13	93	.172	26	5	7	3	33	3	20	2	0	47.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	7	3	24	.167	12-19	63%
2	10	8	41	.049	14-22	63%
3	12	2	28	.357	12-18	66%
					38-59	64%

### TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 13.0

Site: University Park, Pa. (Recreation Building)  
 Date: Sep 04, 2015 Attend: 3148 Time: 1:24  
 Referees: James Kuziela, Brian Hemelgarn  
 Big 10-Pac 12 Challenge.

Tie scores	1	2	3	Total
	1	0	0	1
Lead change	1	0	0	1

**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.** - Multi-block performances from five different Nittany Lions pushed No. 1 Penn State past No. 21 Colorado in straight sets in the first match of the Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge.

Penn State owned a 13.0-3.0 advantage in team blocks against the Buffaloes, led by a match-high seven blocks from sophomore Heidi Thelen. Redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney and sophomore Haleigh Washington added four total blocks each.

Tied up at 4-4 early in the opening frame, a service ace from Taylor Krause sparked a 6-1 streak that sent the Nittany Lions ahead, 10-5, causing the Buffs to call a timeout. Courtney looked to extend the momentum out of the break with an ace, 11-5, but Colorado followed with a 6-1 stretch to climb within one, 12-11.

A kill from Thelen and an ace from Weiskircher opened up a 4-0 strike capped off by back-to-back blocks, lifting Penn State up by as many as five, 16-11. A Nittany Lion attack error broke up the streak, 16-12, but PSU regrouped with a 7-3 run to take over an eight-point lead, 23-15.

The Buffaloes looked to spark a comeback with three unanswered points, 23-18, but Washington put down a kill to make it set point, 24-18. The Buffs held off one attempt before Frantti put away the final kill to secure a 25-19 win.

Penn State shot out to a 6-0 lead in the second set, prompting Colorado to call an early timeout. Colorado came out of the break with a 6-3 stretch to arrive within three, 9-6. Courtney followed with a solo stuff, 10-6, but the Buffs continued to match the Nittany Lions point-for-point, to pull within four, 14-10.

PSU managed to remain within four points heading down the stretch. Leading by four, 21-17, a Colorado kill trimmed the Nittany Lion lead back to three, 21-18. Penn State answered back with a quick 3-0 burst to arrive at set point, 24-18.

Rallying, a Colorado block and a PSU attack error brought the Buffs back within four, 24-20, prompting Penn State to call a timeout. The Buffaloes came out of the break with a block, 24-21, but served into the net on the next attempt to hand Penn State a 25-21 win in the second set and a 2-0 lead in the match.

The Nittany Lions jumped out to a 9-2 start in the third stanza to build a seven-point cushion. The Buffs looked to cut off the run with a kill, 9-3, but Penn State followed with a 9-6 stretch to widen the margin to nine, 18-9. Colorado looked to start a run with a kill prior to a PSU attack error, 18-11, but the Nittany Lions used a 6-4 streak to arrive at set point, 24-15.

The Buffaloes made one final attempt to mount a comeback with three consecutive points, 24-18, but a kill from Frantti finished off a 25-18 win in the third set.

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## Match 5: #1 Penn State 3, #2 Stanford 0

Sept. 5, 2015 - University Park, Pa. | Rec Hall

#	Stanford	Attack				Pct	Ast	Serve			Block				Pts
		S	K	E	TA			SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE	
2	Benjamin, Sarah	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
3	Hodson, Hayley	3	16	2	31	.452	1	1	2	1	7	0	2	0	18.0
7	Vanjak, Ivana	3	3	1	6	.333	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	4.0
16	Howard, Brittany	3	15	1	29	.483	0	0	0	2	10	0	1	0	15.5
22	Bugg, Madi	3	1	1	6	.000	34	0	1	0	4	1	2	1	3.0
23	Burgess, Jordan	3	3	4	18	-.056	1	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	3.0
4	Humphreys, Kelsey	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
14	McKenna, Halland	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1	1	9	0	0	0	0.0
17	Lutz, Merete	3	4	5	15	-.067	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	6.5
Totals		3	42	14	105	.267	37	1	5	4	42	2	10	2	50.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sidout	Pct
1	16	6	36	.278	15-24	62%
2	12	4	35	.229	15-25	60%
3	14	4	34	.294	13-24	54%
				43-73	58%	

### SET SCORES

	1	2	3	Team Records:
Stanford (0)	21	22	18	3-1
Penn State (3)	25	25	25	5-0

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 7.0

#	Penn State	Attack				Pct	Ast	Serve			Block				Pts
		S	K	E	TA			SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE	
5	Frantti, Ali	3	13	6	35	.200	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	13.5
14	Whitney, Aiyana	3	13	2	25	.440	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	14.5
15	Washington, Haleigh	3	12	2	19	.526	1	0	3	0	4	0	3	2	13.5
17	Courtney, Megan	3	11	1	25	.400	1	2	0	0	13	1	0	1	14.0
19	Thelen, Heidi	3	1	1	3	.000	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	3.0
21	Weiskircher, Bryanna	3	0	1	5	.000	41	1	1	1	8	0	1	3	2.5
3	Pierce, Kendall	3	0	1	1	-.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
12	Holcomb, Keeton	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0.0
13	Krause, Taylor	3	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	1.0
Totals		3	51	14	113	.327	46	4	4	1	45	2	10	7	62.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sidout	Pct
1	14	4	29	.345	16-22	72%
2	19	7	46	.261	15-22	68%
3	18	3	38	.395	14-19	73%
				45-63	71%	

Site: University Park, Pa. (Recreation Building)  
Date: Sep 05, 2015 Attend: 6055 Time: 1:34  
Referees: Brian Hemelgarn, James Kuziela  
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	1	2	3	Total
Tie scores	6	4	12	22
Lead change	1	0	6	7

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 7.0

**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.** - Behind double figure kills from four Nittany Lions, top-ranked Penn State powered past No. 2 Stanford in straight sets in front of a sold-out Rec Hall crowd.

Trailing by four early in the first set, 9-5, Penn State used a 3-0 strike to pull within one, 9-8. The Cardinal quickly answered with a pair of kills to make it 11-8, prompting Penn State to call a timeout. A kill from Courtney and a block by Washington and Weiskircher out of the break pulled the Nittany Lions back within one, 11-10. The Cardinal continued to match the Nittany Lions point-for-point out of the break to maintain a two-point edge, 17-15.

Regrouping, a kill from Courtney and a pair of Stanford attack errors quickly tied the frame, 17-17. Stanford looked to pull away with a kill, 18-17, but Penn State continued to answer, tying the frame four more times. With the score knotted, 21-21, a Cardinal service error gave Penn State a critical one-point lead, 22-21, prompting Stanford to call a timeout. Weiskircher came out of the huddle with an ace, before sophomore Heidi Thelen and Whitney teamed up for a block to make it set point for the Nittany Lions, 24-21. A Stanford attack error on the next play sealed a 25-21 win in the opening set in favor of Penn State.

Penn State jumped out to a 5-2 lead for an early advantage in the second set. The Cardinal looked to cut off the momentum with a kill, 5-3, but back-to-back kills from Washington and Frantti opened a 3-0 strike that lifted Penn State ahead, 8-3. A PSU service error out of a Stanford timeout trimmed the lead back to four, 8-4, but kills from Frantti and Whitney lifted the Nittany Lions ahead, 10-4.

The Cardinal looked to halt the run with a kill, 10-5, but Penn State pulled away with a 4-2 stretch to double its advantage, 14-7. Stanford came storming back with an 8-1 streak to tie the score, 15-15. A kill from Washington brought PSU ahead by one, 16-15. Penn State and Stanford briefly traded points to tie up the score two times. Tied at 17-17, kills from Whitney and Courtney sparked a 4-2 stretch that pushed Penn State back on top, 21-19, causing Stanford to call a timeout. The Cardinal came out of the timeout with a kill to pull within one, 21-20, but Penn State rallied with a 4-2 run to secure a 25-22 win in the second set to bring PSU ahead 2-0 at the intermission.

Trailing by two in the third set, 13-1, PSU rallied with back-to-back kills from Frantti to spark a 6-0 run that vaulted the Nittany Lions ahead by three, 16-13, causing Stanford to call a timeout. Frantti came out of the break with a kill to continue the momentum, but the Cardinal responded with a pair of kills to shave the advantage to two, 17-15. Whitney broke up the Stanford rhythm with two consecutive kill, 19-15, opening up a 7-3 run that led the Nittany Lions to a 25-18 win in the third set to complete the sweep.

## Match 6: #1 Penn State 3, Eastern Kentucky 0

Sept. 11, 2015 - South Bend, Ind. | Purcell Pavilion

#	Eastern Kentucky	Attack				Pct	Ast	Serve			Block				Pts
		S	K	E	TA			SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE	
5	SANKS, Celina	3	9	8	31	.032	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0
7	PETERS, Ally	3	3	1	10	.200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	KOONS, Ciera	3	0	2	10	-.200	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0
9	BOYER, Johanna	3	4	5	15	-.067	13	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	0
11	VICK, Rachel	3	1	3	10	-.200	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
12	MAXWELL, Mallory	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
1	ROJAS, Chloe	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	0
2	KNUTSON, Cassie	3	0	1	1	-1.000	8	0	3	0	4	0	0	1	1
3	HICKS, Danielle	3	5	3	9	.222	1	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	0
Totals		3	22	23	86	-.012	22	2	8	7	28	2	2	1	1

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct
1	7	8	29	-.034
2	8	10	36	-.056
3	7	5	21	.095

### SET SCORES

	1	2	3	Team Records:
Eastern Kentucky (0)	14	13	14	1-8
Penn State (3)	25	25	25	6-0

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 3.0

#	Penn State	Attack				Pct	Ast	Serve			Block				Pts
		S	K	E	TA			SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE	
5	Frantti, Ali	3	7	0	11	.636	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0
14	Whitney, Aiyana	3	8	2	15	.400	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0
15	Washington, Haleigh	3	9	2	15	.467	0	3	2	0	2	1	3	0	0
17	Courtney, Megan	3	4	2	16	.125	4	0	2	0	6	0	0	0	0
19	Thelen, Heidi	3	1	1	5	.000	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
21	Weiskircher, Bryanna	3	0	0	2	.000	19	2	1	0	9	0	1	0	0
2	Caraway, Lara	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Pierce, Kendall	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
4	Rivera, Wilma	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Reed, Nia	1	3	0	3	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Muller, Carley	1	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Holcomb, Keeton	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1	0	8	0	0	0	0
13	Krause, Taylor	1	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Lee, Simone	2	2	1	5	.200	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0
Totals		3	34	8	72	.361	30	7	8	2	33	3	8	0	0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct
1	10	2	23	.348
2	14	4	29	.207
3	14	2	20	.600

Site: Notre Dame, IN (Purcell Pavilion)  
Date: Sep 11, 2015 Attend: 946 Time: 1:07  
Referees: Rod Rodriguez, Ray Mink, Nowak / Dinius

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 7.0

**SOUTH BEND, Ind.** - A balanced attack helped No. 1 Penn State to a straight set victory against Eastern Kentucky in the first match of the Golden Dome Invitational.

Five Nittany Lions recorded three or more kills in the Penn State win, led by nine kills from sophomore Haleigh Washington

Penn State shot out to a 4-0 lead in the match, featuring back-to-back aces from Weiskircher. Eastern Kentucky answered back with a kill before a PSU attack error brought the Colonels within one, 4-2. Frantti looked to spark a run with a kill, 5-2, but ECU matched the Nittany Lions point for point to arrive within one, 7-6.

A kill from Courtney made it 8-6, but a PSU service error and an Eastern Kentucky ace tied the score, 8-8. Penn State used a 3-0 strike to build the lead back to three, 11-8. A Penn State service error and an ECU kill moved the Colonels within one, 11-10. Three consecutive Eastern Kentucky errors sent Penn State ahead, 14-10. A PSU service error cut off the momentum, 14-11, but Penn State regrouped with an 8-2 stretch to surge ahead, 22-13.

Eastern Kentucky looked to get back on track after calling a timeout, but Penn State came out of the break with an ace to make it 23-13. The Colonels answered back with a kill, 23-14, but three straight errors gave Penn State a 25-14 win in the first set.

The Nittany Lions got out to another hot start in the second set using an 8-2 run for an early advantage. Looking to get back on track, the Colonels called a timeout and came out of the huddle with a kill to make it 8-3. An ECU service error pulled Penn State ahead 9-3, but the Colonels used a 3-0 spurt to arrive within three, 9-6.

A kill from Whitney and a block from Washington and Lee opened up an 11-4 Penn State run that bolstered the Nittany Lion advantage to double figures, 20-10. Looking to halt the run, Eastern Kentucky called its final timeout of the frame. Penn State came out of the break with a 5-3 stretch to secure a 25-13 win in the second set to go up 2-0 in the match.

Trailing by one early in the third set, 6-5, Washington put down a kill before teaming up with Weiskircher for a block to bring Penn State ahead, 7-6. ECU followed with a pair of errors to widen the Penn State advantage, 9-6. A Nittany Lion service error interrupted the rhythm, but PSU settled back into a 6-4 stretch to make it 15-10, prompting Eastern Kentucky to call a timeout.

The Colonels came out of the timeout with a kill and an ace to shave the advantage back to three, 15-12. From there, the Nittany Lions did not look back, using a 5-2 run to close out a 25-14 win in the third set to complete the sweep. Redshirt freshman Nia Reed finished off the victory with three consecutive kills in the streak.

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## Match 7: #1 Penn State 3, Mississippi State 0

Sept. 12, 2015 - South Bend, Ind. | Purcell Pavilion

#	Penn State	S	Attack				Ast	Serve			Dig	Block			
			K	E	TA	Pct		SA	SE	RE		BS	BA	BE	BH
5	Frantti, Ali	3	11	2	26	.346	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
14	Whitney, Aiyana	3	5	2	13	.231	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0
15	Washington, Haleigh	3	8	1	13	.538	0	1	1	0	1	1	6	0	1
17	Courtney, Megan	3	9	2	26	.269	4	0	0	1	7	1	2	0	0
19	Thelen, Heidi	3	0	1	3	-.333	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
21	Weiskircher, Bryanna	3	3	0	4	.750	29	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	0
3	Pierce, Kendall	1	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
10	Muller, Carley	2	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
12	Holcomb, Keeton	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	2	20	0	0	0	0
13	Krause, Taylor	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Lee, Simone	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Team															
Totals		3	36	8	85	.329	35	3	1	4	45	5	14	0	3

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct
1	10	4	33	.182
2	12	3	26	.346
3	14	1	26	.500

### SET SCORES

	1	2	3	Team Records:
Penn State (3)	25	25	25	7-0
Mississippi State (0)	16	14	12	6-3

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 12.0

#	Mississippi State	S	Attack				Ast	Serve			Dig	Block			
			K	E	TA	Pct		SA	SE	RE		BS	BA	BE	BH
3	Cheyenne Spell	3	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
8	Evie Grace Singleton	3	10	10	29	.000	1	0	3	2	4	0	0	0	0
14	Jazmyne Johnson	3	1	3	7	-.286	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
15	Emily Howard	3	3	2	13	.077	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
18	Alex Warren	3	3	6	26	-.115	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
22	Blossom Sato	3	2	0	7	.286	22	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
1	Payton Harris	3	0	0	0	.000	2	1	2	0	10	0	0	0	0
4	Ericka Timberlake	3	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
7	Torrey Tinney	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
6	Savannah Cressman	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Ellen Stuart	2	0	1	1	-1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Chelsea Duhs	3	7	5	18	-.111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		3	26	27	101	-.010	26	4	5	3	33	0	2	0	0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct
1	11	12	40	-.025
2	8	7	28	.036
3	7	8	33	-.030

Site: Notre Dame, IN (Purcell Pavilion)  
Date: Sep 12, 2015 Attend: Time: 1:12  
Referees: Terry Miller, Ray Mink, Young / Christoules

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 1.0

**SOUTH BEND, Ind.** - A trio of career-high performances guided No. 1 Penn State to a straight set victory against Mississippi State in the second match of the Golden Dome Invitational.

Penn State opened the match on a 5-1 run to take control of an early lead. Mississippi State quickly erased the advantage with four unanswered points, tying the score, 5-5. The Nittany Lions and the Bulldogs continued to trade points, keeping the score tied up, 7-7. Mississippi State pulled ahead with an ace and a kill, 9-7, but PSU came storming back with five unanswered points to take over a three-point advantage, 12-9.

The Bulldogs called a timeout looking to cut off the streak, but Penn State followed with a 3-1 strike to widen the advantage to five, 15-10. Mississippi State answered back with three consecutive kills to trim the deficit to two, 15-13.

Penn State responded with a 5-2 stretch to build the lead back to five, 20-15, prompting the Bulldogs to call a timeout. Mississippi State came out of the huddle with a kill, 20-16, but a pair of kills from redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney and senior Megan Courtney sparked a 5-0 run that secured a 25-16 win in the opening set for the Nittany Lions.

The Nittany Lions and the Bulldogs traded points early in the second set to keep the score close. With the score knotted, 4-4, sophomore Haleigh Washington, sophomore Ali Frantti, Courtney and redshirt freshman Bryanna Weiskircher put away four consecutive kills to vault PSU on top by four, 8-4. A Nittany Lion attack error broke up the streak, but PSU regrouped with a 5-2 run to make it 13-7, causing the Bulldogs to call a timeout.

Penn State continued to roll out of the break, using a 6-2 strike to extend the Nittany Lion lead to double figures, 19-9, prompting the Bulldogs to take another timeout. PSU did not let its advantage dip below nine points for the remainder of the frame, as Frantti capped off a 25-14 win in the second set with back-to-back kills.

Penn State and Mississippi State kept it close early in the third set. Trailing by one, 10-9, Courtney followed three consecutive Bulldog errors with a kill to pull Penn State ahead, 12-10, causing Mississippi State to call a timeout. Penn State came out of the break firing, using an 8-2 streak to stretch the lead to nine, 20-11, causing Mississippi State to use its final timeout of the match.

Junior Carley Muller sparked a 5-1 run out of the break with an ace to propel the Nittany Lions to a 25-12 win in the third set to complete the sweep. Weiskircher, Washington and Frantti also chipped in kills down the stretch.

## Match 8: #1 Penn State 3, Notre Dame 0

Sept. 12, 2015 - South Bend, Ind. | Purcell Pavilion

#	Penn State	S	Attack				Ast	Serve			Dig	Block			
			K	E	TA	Pct		SA	SE	RE		BS	BA	BE	BH
5	Frantti, Ali	3	14	4	27	.370	0	1	1	2	4	0	0	1	0
14	Whitney, Aiyana	3	9	6	21	.143	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0
15	Washington, Haleigh	3	5	0	13	.385	0	1	2	0	2	0	5	0	0
17	Courtney, Megan	3	14	1	28	.464	1	0	0	1	15	2	2	0	0
19	Thelen, Heidi	3	3	0	5	.600	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
21	Weiskircher, Bryanna	3	0	2	5	-.400	40	1	1	0	6	0	2	0	0
3	Pierce, Kendall	2	0	0	1	.000	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
10	Muller, Carley	3	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
12	Holcomb, Keeton	3	0	0	0	.000	2	0	2	0	20	0	0	0	0
13	Krause, Taylor	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		3	45	13	100	.320	43	3	9	3	54	3	13	2	0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct
1	17	2	29	.517
2	12	6	33	.182
3	16	5	38	.289

### SET SCORES

	1	2	3	Team Records:
Penn State (3)	25	25	25	8-0
Notre Dame (0)	17	19	16	4-5

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 9.5

#	Notre Dame	S	Attack				Ast	Serve			Dig	Block			
			K	E	TA	Pct		SA	SE	RE		BS	BA	BE	BH
1	BYRNE, Kelly	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
3	FRY, Sam	3	7	6	23	.043	0	0	1	0	3	0	4	0	0
5	KUHN, Sydney	3	4	0	18	.222	1	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	0
8	DILFER, Maddie	3	1	0	3	.333	22	2	2	0	5	0	2	1	4
9	NUNGE, Rebecca	3	7	1	18	.333	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0
16	MORNINGSTAR, Meg	3	2	2	13	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0
2	JOHNSON, Natalie	3	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
4	DEJARLD, Ryann	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1	3	8	0	0	0	0
6	PLUMLEE, Maddie	1	3	1	5	.400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	BONNEVAL, Haley	3	3	7	23	-.174	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Totals		3	27	17	103	.097	25	3	6	3	40	0	14	2	4

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct
1	10	3	32	.219
2	9	8	34	.029
3	8	6	37	.054

Site: Notre Dame, IN (Purcell Pavilion)  
Date: Sep 12, 2015 Attend: 1540 Time: 1:18  
Referees: Terry Miller, Ray Mink, Young / Christoules

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 7.0

**SOUTH BEND, Ind.** - Top-ranked Penn State captured the Golden Dome Invitational crown with a straight set win against Notre Dame Saturday night at Purcell Pavilion.

Penn State and Notre Dame traded points early in the match to keep it close. Tied at 11-11, Washington sparked a 3-0 spurt that lifted the Nittany Lions ahead by as many as three, 14-11, prompting Notre Dame to call a timeout. Courtney came out of the break with a kill to make it 15-11, before a service error cut off the streak.

The Irish followed with a service error, but regrouped with a kill to trim the margin to three, 16-13. Pulling ahead, Frantti sparked a 4-2 stretch that widened the Nittany Lion advantage to five, 20-15, causing Notre Dame to call its final timeout of the frame. Notre Dame came out of the break with a kill, 20-16, but Courtney answered with three consecutive kills to send PSU ahead, 23-16. An Irish error on the next play set the Nittany Lions up for set point, 24-16. A Penn State service error held off the attempt before Whitney, Washington and Courtney teamed up for a triple block to secure a 25-17 win in the first set.

The Nittany Lions jumped out to an 8-3 lead in the second set, causing the Irish to call an early timeout. Notre Dame came out of the break with a kill, 8-4, but served long to keep PSU ahead by five, 9-4. Penn State continued to roll with back-to-back blocks from Washington and Weiskircher, widening the advantage to seven, 11-4.

Notre Dame came battling back with a 5-2 streak to arrive within three, 13-9. A kill from Frantti and an ace from Washington brought Penn State back up by six, 15-9, prompting the Irish to call their final timeout of the set. Notre Dame came out of the timeout with a 3-0 burst to shave the PSU lead back to three, 15-12. A block from Thelen and a kill from Courtney made it 17-12, but a

Notre Dame kill moved the Irish within four, 17-13. From there, Penn State managed to maintain at least a five-point lead, 22-16, until a pair of Irish kills put Notre Dame back within four, 22-18, prompting PSU to call a timeout. A kill from Frantti and a Notre Dame attack error out of the break set Penn State up for set point, 24-18. The Irish held off one attempt before serving into the net to hand PSU a 25-19 win in the second set.

Penn State and Notre Dame kept it tight early in the third set. With the score knotted, 11-11, a pair of Irish attack errors gave the Nittany Lions a two-point edge, 13-11. Courtney continued the momentum with a kill to make it 14-11, causing the Irish to call a timeout. Penn State used a 3-1 strike capped off by kills from Courtney and Frantti to go up 17-12, prompting the Irish to call another timeout. The Notre Dame timeout didn't slow down the Nittany Lions, as Penn State used an 8-4 run out of the break to cruise to a 25-16 win in the third set to complete the sweep.

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## Match 9: #1 Penn State 3, Auburn 0

Sept. 18, 2015 - Tampa, Fla. | Sun Dome

#	Stanford	Attack				Pct	Ast	Serve			Block				Pts
		S	K	E	TA			SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE	
2	Benjamin, Sarah	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
3	Hodson, Hayley	3	16	2	31	.452	1	1	2	1	7	0	2	0	18.0
7	Vanjak, Ivana	3	3	1	6	.333	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	4.0
16	Howard, Brittany	3	15	1	29	.483	0	0	0	2	10	0	1	0	15.5
22	Bugg, Madi	3	1	1	6	.000	34	0	1	0	4	2	1	0	3.0
23	Burgess, Jordan	3	3	4	18	-.056	1	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	3.0
4	Humphreys, Kelsey	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
14	McKenna, Halland	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1	1	9	0	0	0	0.0
17	Lutz, Merete	3	4	5	15	-.067	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	6.5
Totals		3	42	14	105	.267	37	1	5	4	42	2	10	2	50.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sidout	Pct
1	16	6	36	.278	15-24	62%
2	12	4	35	.229	15-25	60%
3	14	4	34	.294	13-24	54%
				43-73	58%	

### SET SCORES

Stanford (0)	21	22	18	3-1
Penn State (3)	25	25	25	5-0

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 7.0

### Team Records:

1	2	3	Team Records:
21	22	18	3-1
25	25	25	5-0

#	Penn State	Attack				Pct	Ast	Serve			Block				Pts
		S	K	E	TA			SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE	
5	Frantti, Ali	3	13	6	35	.200	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	13.5
14	Whitney, Aiyana	3	13	2	25	.440	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	14.5
15	Washington, Haleigh	3	12	2	19	.526	1	0	3	0	4	0	3	2	13.5
17	Courtney, Megan	3	11	1	25	.400	1	2	0	0	13	1	0	1	14.0
19	Thelen, Heidi	3	1	1	3	.000	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	3.0
21	Weiskircher, Bryanna	3	1	1	5	.000	41	1	1	1	8	0	1	3	2.5
3	Pierce, Kendall	3	0	1	1	-.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
12	Holcomb, Keeton	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0.0
13	Krause, Taylor	3	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	1.0
Totals		3	51	14	113	.327	46	4	4	1	45	2	10	7	62.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sidout	Pct
1	14	4	29	.345	16-22	72%
2	19	7	46	.261	15-22	68%
3	18	3	38	.395	14-19	73%
				45-63	71%	

Site: University Park, Pa. (Recreation Building)  
Date: Sep 05, 2015 Attend: 6055 Time: 1:34  
Referees: Brian Hemelgarn, James Kuziela  
Big 10-Pac 12 Challenge

	1	2	3	Total
Tie scores	6	4	12	22
Lead change	1	0	6	7

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 7.0

**TAMPA, Fla.** - Three Nittany Lions recorded double figure kills as top-ranked Penn State women's powered past Auburn in straight sets in the first match of the USF Invitational.

Penn State jumped out to a 3-1 lead in the first set before a USF kill and a Nittany Lion blocking error drew the Tigers within one, 4-3. Penn State answered back with an 8-1 run to surge ahead by as many as six, 11-5, prompting Auburn to call a timeout. Frantti looked to continue the momentum with a kill, but a Nittany Lion service error interrupted the rhythm, 12-6.

The Tigers looked to regroup with a kill, 12-7, but Courtney sparked a 5-2 stretch that lifted the Nittany Lions ahead by eight, 17-9, causing Auburn to call its final timeout of the frame. Penn State continued to roll out of the break, closing out the set on an 8-2 run, capped off by a clutch overpass kill from Washington to secure a 25-11 win in the first set.

The Nittany Lions shot out to an 8-2 lead in the second set, helped out by a pair of kills from Whitney. The Tigers called an early timeout looking to slow the momentum, but Washington came out of the break with a kill to bolster the advantage to seven, 9-2. Auburn looked to halt the run with a kill, 9-3, but PSU responded with a 5-4 stretch to double the lead, 14-7.

The Tigers came battling back with back-to-back kills to pull within five, 14-9, prompting Penn State to call a timeout. Whitney came out of the huddle with a kill, 15-9, but two consecutive kills from Auburn and a PSU attack error trimmed the gap to three, 15-12.

Rallying, Courtney, Whitney and Washington put away three consecutive kills to build the Nittany Lion advantage back to six, 18-12, causing Auburn to call a timeout. Courtney came out of the break with a kill, but Auburn follow with another kill to make it 19-13. From there, Penn State did not look back as Washington opened up a 5-2 run that vaulted the Nittany Lions to set point, 24-15. The Tigers held off one attempt with a block, but an Auburn service error on the next attempt handed Penn State a 25-16 win in the second set.

Leading by as many as seven in the third set, 17-10, Auburn looked to cut off the run, following a timeout with a 4-1 strike to shave the PSU lead back to four, 18-14. The two teams traded service errors before a kill from Weiskircher brought Penn State back up by five, 20-15. Auburn followed with a kill to move back within four, 20-16, but the Nittany Lions followed with a 5-3 strike to close out a 25-19 win in the third set to complete the sweep.

## Match 10: #1 Penn State 3, St. John's 0

Sept. 19, 2015 - Tampa, Fla. | Sun Dome

#	St John's	Attack				Pct	Ast	Serve			Block				Pts
		S	K	E	TA			SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE	
5	PALGUTOVA, Karin	3	6	5	24	.042	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	6.0
7	MUTLUGLI, Deniz	3	0	0	1	.000	23	1	2	0	4	0	1	0	2.15
8	BIANCHIN, Margherita	1	1	0	2	.500	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1.0
17	AROGUZ, Pelin	3	13	7	30	.200	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	13.0
28	MOSS, Danisha	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.5
32	CAST, Julia	3	3	2	6	.167	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3.5
3	LOBDELL, Alexandria	1	0	1	2	-.500	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
4	MIYASAKI, Ariel	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
9	SANTIAGO, Yaidy	3	3	4	14	-.071	1	0	0	2	6	0	1	0	3.5
10	KUZMAN, Briana	2	2	3	6	-.167	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2.5
18	GARKKAINEN, Mona	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.5
24	D'AMORE, Delaney	3	0	0	0	.000	3	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		3	28	22	85	-.071	27	1	4	7	27	0	6	1	32.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sidout	Pct
1	8	9	24	-.042	10-25	40%
2	9	8	31	.032	14-24	58%
3	11	5	30	.200	12-25	47%
				36-74	48%	

### SET SCORES

St. John's (0)	1	2	3
Penn State (3)	10	18	19
		25	25

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 3.0

#	Penn State	Attack				Pct	Ast	Serve			Block				Pts
		S	K	E	TA			SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE	
5	Frantti, Ali	3	8	4	19	.211	1	0	1	1	5	0	1	1	8.5
14	Whitney, Aiyana	3	11	2	18	.500	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	13.5
15	Washington, Haleigh	3	6	1	9	.556	0	1	2	0	3	1	10	0	13.0
17	Courtney, Megan	3	6	2	16	.250	3	0	1	0	10	0	5	1	8.5
19	Thelen, Heidi	3	3	0	10	.300	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	4.5
21	Weiskircher, Bryanna	3	4	0	5	.800	31	2	1	0	2	0	4	1	8.0
2	Caraway, Lara	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
3	Pierce, Kendall	2	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2.0
4	Rivera, Wilma	3	0	0	0	.000	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	2.0
8	Pierce, Lairy	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
12	Holcomb, Keeton	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0.0
22	Lee, Simone	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		3	38	9	77	.377	36	7	7	1	29	2	26	3	60.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sidout	Pct
1	8	1	17	.412	10-10	100%
2	15	5	30	.333	15-19	78%
3	15	3	30	.400	12-19	63%
				37-48	77%	

Site: Tampa, Fla. (USF Sun Dome)  
Date: Sep 19, 2015 Attend: 579 Time:  
Referees: Donna Carter, Leisa Jordan

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 15.0

	1	2	3	Total
Tie scores	0	1	4	5
Lead changes	0	1	1	2

**TAMPA, Fla.** - Top-ranked Penn State women's volleyball (10-0) swept past St. John's Sun Dome in three sets helped out by another strong blocking performance by the Nittany Lions.

As a team, Penn State posted a season-high 15.0 blocks, led by multi-block performances from five different Nittany Lions. Sophomore Haleigh Washington led the group with a career-high 11 total blocks. Washington's tally is the second highest single-match total in a three-set match in Penn State program history.

Leading by just two early in the match, 4-2, St. John's put down a kill to move within one, 4-3. Washington quickly put away two consecutive kills to bring the Nittany Lions on top by three, 6-3. A service ace held up the rhythm, 7-3, but Bryanna Weiskircher and Washington teamed up for a block to make it 8-3, causing the Red Storm to call a timeout.

Wilma Rivera came out of the break with an ace to open up a 6-3 stretch, featuring a kill and an ace from Weiskircher to go up 14-6, causing St. John's to use its final timeout. Two aces from Weiskircher and an STJ error sent Penn State surging ahead by as many as 10, 16-10. The Red Storm looked to get back on track with a kill, 16-7, but a kill from Ali Frantti and an ace from Kendall Pierce sparked an 8-2 run that lifted the Nittany Lions to set point, 24-10. Weiskircher and Washington closed out a 25-10 win in the first set with a block to put PSU up 1-0 in the match.

Leading by two in the second set, 10-8, two STJ errors and a kill from Aiyana Whitney stretched the Nittany Lion advantage to five, 13-8. St. John's came battling back with a 3-1 strike to trim the deficit to three, 14-11. Penn State regrouped with a 5-1 run capped off by back-to-back blocks to move ahead by six, 19-12, causing the Red Storm to call a timeout. St. John's came out of the break with a kill, 19-13, but a block from Megan Courtney and Washington sparked a 5-3 stretch that lifted the Nittany Lions to set point, 24-16. The Red Storm held off two attempts before a kill from Whitney secured a 25-18 win in the second set.

With Penn State on top by one, 12-11, a St. John's service error followed by two consecutive kills from Whitney and Courtney put Penn State back in control, 15-11, causing the Red Storm to call a timeout. St. John's came out of the break with two unanswered kills to move back within two, 15-13. Penn State responded with back-to-back kills from Whitney and Weiskircher to open up a 5-3 stretch that widened the PSU advantage to four, 20-16. The Red Storm called a timeout and regrouped with a 3-1 spurt out of the break to move within two, 21-19.

Penn State called a timeout to regroup and came out of the break with four unanswered points, featuring three kills from Frantti to lock up a 25-19 win in the third set to complete the sweep.

# 2015 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## Match 11: #1 Penn State 3, South Florida 0

Sept. 19, 2015 - Tampa, Fla. | Sun Dome

#	Penn State	Attack				Ast	Serve			Block				Pts		
		S	K	E	TA		Pct	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA		BE	BH
3	Frantti, Ali	3	4	2	9	.222	1	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	4.0
14	Whitney, Aiyana	3	15	2	27	.481	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	16.5
15	Washington, Haleigh	3	10	1	12	.750	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	10.0
17	Courtney, Megan	3	5	1	21	.190	1	1	0	0	6	3	1	0	1	9.5
19	Thelen, Heidi	3	5	0	9	.556	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	7.5
21	Weiskircher, Bryanna	3	0	0	2	.000	32	0	1	0	15	0	0	0	0	0.0
2	Caraway, Lara	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
3	Pierce, Kendall	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
4	Rivera, Wilma	3	0	0	0	.000	2	1	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	1.0
8	Pierce, Lainy	2	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
10	Muller, Carley	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
12	Holcomb, Keeton	3	0	0	1	.000	2	0	0	3	10	0	0	0	0	0.0
13	Krause, Taylor	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
22	Lee, Simone	1	4	1	6	.500	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4.5
Team																
Totals		3	43	7	88	.409	39	2	4	1	50	3	10	2	1	53.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	15	4	35	.314	14-19	73%
2	14	2	27	.444	6-7	85%
3	14	1	26	.500	14-18	77%
				34-44	77%	

### SET SCORES

1 2 3 Team Records:  
Penn State (3) 25 25 25 11-0  
USF (0) 19 6 18 2-9

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 8.0

#	USF	Attack				Ast	Serve			Block				Pts		
		S	K	E	TA		Pct	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA		BE	BH
1	PAYNE, Clara	3	2	2	8	.000	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2.5
3	BELCHER, Denise	2	4	7	21	.143	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4.0
4	VAN SANT, Amy	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.0
6	HOLLAND, Joli	3	6	2	15	.267	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	6.0
16	HEIDELBERG, Alexus	3	7	2	27	.185	0	1	1	0	7	1	0	0	0	9.0
19	MENDOZA, Alex	3	0	0	2	.000	10	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0.0
5	GOODNIGHT, Adyson	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
8	DEVLIN, Wylie	3	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	1	9	0	0	0	0	0.0
11	HAMPTON, Dakota	1	0	0	5	.000	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3.0
13	SOARES, Natalia	3	0	0	0	.000	12	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0.0
15	PANICK, Elyse	1	2	1	4	.250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.0
18	MOREKHODOVA, Olga	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
23	EHIEZE, Priscilla	3	4	5	15	.067	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4.5
33	KOVAL, Nikki	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		3	25	19	97	.062	24	4	6	2	35	1	2	2	0	31.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	11	6	38	.132	14-25	56%
2	2	7	28	.179	5-24	20%
3	12	6	31	.194	14-25	56%
				33-74	44%	

Site: Tampa, Fla. (USF Sun Dome)

Date: Sep 19, 2015 Attend: 1636 Time: 1:16

Referees: Donna Carter, Leisa Jordan

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 2.0

	1	2	3	Total
Tie scores	0	2	1	3
Lead changes	0	2	1	3

**TAMPA, Fla.** - Led by a pair of double-digit hitters, No. 1 Penn State captured the USF Invitational title with a 3-0 win against South Florida.

Haleigh Washington earned USF Invitational MVP honors while Bryanna Weiskircher and Aiyana Whitney earned All-Tournament team honors.

Penn State and South Florida kept the score close early in the opening frame. With USF within one, 6-5, Frantti opened a 4-0 run with a pair of kills to give PSU a five-point lead, 10-5. Heidi Thelen and Washington rounded out the other end of the 4-0 scoring streak with a pair of kills, with Washington's kill falling just inside after she kicked the ball over the net.

The Bulls looked to get back on track with a kill, 10-6, but Penn State answered with a 7-5 stretch to go up by as many as six, 17-11. South Florida called a timeout looking to break up the momentum, but Washington came out of the break with three consecutive kills to make it 19-11. South Florida halted the rhythm with a pair of blocks, 19-13, but Penn State battled back with a 4-2 stretch to maintain an eight-point lead, 23-15.

South Florida made one more attempt to mount a comeback with a two straight kills, 23-17, but Whitney put away a kill to make it set point, 24-17. The Bulls held off two attempts before Whitney secured a 25-19 win in the first set with her sixth kill of the frame.

The Nittany Lions shot out to an 8-2 lead in the second set, helped out by three kills from Whitney. The Bulls looked to break up the rhythm with a timeout, but two kills from Whitney and one from Thelen sparked a 6-0 run that vaulted Penn State ahead by as many 12, 14-2. From there, PSU did not look back, closing out the second set on an 11-4 run to finish off a 25-6 win in the second set to enter the locker room with a 2-0 lead in the match.

Leading by four in the third set, 12-8, thanks to a 7-4 run featuring three kills from Simone Lee, the Bulls looked to halt the run with a kill, 12-9. A pair of USF errors and a kill from Whitney lifted PSU ahead by as many as six, 15-9. South Florida called a timeout and came out of the break with a kill, 15-10, but Penn State responded with a 4-1 strike to widen the advantage to seven, 18-11, causing the Bulls to take their final timeout of the frame.

Penn State came out of the huddle with a 4-2 stretch to remain on top by seven points, 22-13. The Bulls battled back with four unanswered points to make it 22-17. A kill from Whitney and a USF error made it match point, 24-17. South Florida held off one attempt before Thelen wrapped up a 25-18 win in the third set to complete the sweep.

## Match 12: #1 Penn State 3, #16 Wisconsin 0

Sept. 23, 2015 - University Park, Pa. | Rec Hall

#	Wisconsin	Attack				Ast	Serve			Block				Pts		
		S	K	E	TA		Pct	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA		BE	BH
1	Carlini, Lauren	3	1	1	5	.000	36	0	2	0	10	0	0	0	0	1.0
2	Kriskova, Romana	3	5	3	16	.125	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	6.0
3	Gillis, Lauryn	3	6	3	24	.125	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	6.0
4	Bates, Kelli	3	9	5	26	.154	1	0	2	2	9	0	2	1	0	10.0
11	Williams, Tionna	3	8	2	16	.375	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	9.0
13	Nelson, Haleigh	3	10	3	18	.389	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	11.5
6	Morey, Taylor	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0.0
7	MacDonald, Amber	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
14	Duello, Madison	2	0	1	2	.500	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.5
Totals		3	39	18	107	.196	38	0	7	3	34	0	10	4	0	44.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	16	5	44	.250	15-25	60%
2	9	6	27	.111	13-24	54%
3	14	7	36	.194	15-25	60%
				43-74	58%	

### SET SCORES

1 2 3 Team Records:  
Wisconsin (0) 21 16 20 8-3, 0-1  
Penn State (3) 25 25 25 12-0, 1-0

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 5.0

#	Penn State	Attack				Ast	Serve			Block				Pts		
		S	K	E	TA		Pct	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA		BE	BH
4	Rivera, Wilma	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
5	Frantti, Ali	3	14	3	25	.440	1	0	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	15.0
15	Washington, Haleigh	3	11	0	14	.786	0	2	3	0	3	2	3	0	0	16.5
17	Courtney, Megan	3	10	3	23	.304	0	0	1	0	14	1	1	0	0	11.5
19	Thelen, Heidi	3	1	1	5	.000	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1.5
21	Weiskircher, Bryanna	3	0	2	5	.400	43	1	1	0	5	0	1	1	0	1.5
3	Pierce, Kendall	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0.0
8	Pierce, Lainy	3	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
12	Holcomb, Keeton	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0.0
13	Krause, Taylor	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
14	Whitney, Aiyana	3	10	2	20	.400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10.0
Totals		3	46	11	93	.376	46	3	7	0	44	3	8	1	0	56.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	17	3	40	.350	15-21	71%
2	14	3	24	.458	14-17	82%
3	15	5	29	.345	15-20	75%
				44-58	75%	

Site: University Park, Pa. (Recreation Building)

Date: Sep 23, 2015 Attend: 2710 Time: 1:28

Referees: Mara Wager, Brian Helmgarn

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 7.0

	1	2	3	Total
Tie scores	10	2	9	21
Lead change	3	0	4	7

**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.** - Top-ranked Penn State opened the 2015 Big Ten conference slate with a straight set victory against No. 16 Wisconsin.

Penn State and Wisconsin traded points early in the match to keep the score tied up. With the score knotted at 9-9, the Badgers used a 3-0 strike to pull ahead by three, 12-9. A pair of Wisconsin errors pushed the Nittany Lions within one, 12-11, but a Nittany Lion attack error kept the Badgers ahead, 13-12. Wisconsin answered with a kill, 14-12, but Ali Frantti and Aiyana Whitney put down two consecutive kills to re-tie the score, 14-14. Wisconsin responded with a kill to bring the Badgers ahead by one, 15-14, heading into the media timeout.

Penn State came out of the break firing, as Whitney sparked a 4-0 run capped off by a block from Megan Courtney and Haleigh Washington to move PSU ahead, 18-15. The Badgers called a timeout, but Courtney came out of the break with a kill to widen the PSU advantage, 19-16, prompting UW to use its final timeout.

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## Match 13: #1 Penn State 3, #21 Minnesota 2

Sept. 26, 2015 - University Park, Pa. | Rec Hall

#	Penn State	Attack				Pct	Serve			Block				Pts		
		S	K	E	TA		Asst	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA		BE	BH
5	Frantti, Ali	4	7	4	24	.125	0	1	2	1	8	0	2	0	0	9.0
7	Grant, Nia	4	14	2	28	.429	0	1	1	0	2	2	6	0	0	20.0
12	Hancock, Micha	4	4	0	12	.333	50	3	4	0	5	0	4	0	0	9.0
14	Whitney, Aiyana	4	12	3	23	.391	1	0	0	0	1	0	6	2	0	15.0
17	Courtney, Megan	4	12	4	32	.250	2	1	1	0	4	1	6	0	0	17.0
33	Fuller, Lacey	4	0	0	0	.000	3	0	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0.0
3	Pierce, Kendall	2	1	0	1	1.000	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.0
4	Gonzalez, Dominique	4	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	1	26	0	0	0	0	0.0
13	Krause, Taylor	4	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.0
22	Lee, Simone	4	9	6	33	.091	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	9.5
24	Broerman, Laura	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		4	59	19	153	.261	56	7	16	2	59	3	25	2	0	81.5

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	19	6	47	.277	16-28	57%
2	16	3	35	.371	11-14	78%
3	11	2	31	.290	10-15	66%
4	13	8	40	.125	14-23	60%
				51-80	63%	

### SET SCORES

1	2	3	4	Team Records:
Penn State (3)	27	25	25	14-1, 2-0 Big Ten
Minnesota (1)	29	13	15	22 11-2, 1-1 Big Ten

### TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 15.5

#	Minnesota	Attack				Pct	Serve			Block				Pts		
		S	K	E	TA		Asst	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA		BE	BH
1	Santana, Daly	4	12	10	42	.048	2	2	0	1	10	0	3	0	0	15.5
3	Schau, Katie	4	0	0	2	.000	34	0	1	0	7	0	4	0	1	2.0
4	Tapp, Paige	3	5	5	13	.000	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	5.5
7	Tapp, Hannah	4	6	3	16	.188	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	0	0	9.0
8	Wilhite, Sarah	4	14	9	45	.111	1	0	0	0	14	0	1	0	0	14.5
17	Rosado, Dalianiz	4	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1	9	0	0	0	0	0.0
5	Goeher, Alyssa	4	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	2	15	0	0	0	0	0.0
6	Beal, Maddie	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
10	Rasmussen, Carly	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
13	Lohman, Molly	3	1	0	1	1.000	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	2.0
16	Nora, Adrianna	4	4	3	13	.077	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	4.5
18	Caluori, Laura	1	0	0	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		4	42	30	133	.090	38	2	5	7	63	0	18	0	1	53.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	18	4	39	.359	17-28	60%
2	7	7	26	.000	10-24	41%
3	9	12	38	.079	10-25	40%
4	8	7	30	.033	13-24	54%
				50-101	49%	

Site: Minneapolis, MN (Sports Pavilion)  
Date: Sep 27, 2014 Attend: 5028 Time: 2:05  
Referees: Julie Voeck, William Stanley

Tie scores	1	2	3	4	Total
Lead change	13	4	0	7	24
	8	1	0	4	13

### TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 9.0

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. - No. 1 Penn State women's outlasted No. 21 Minnesota in five sets in front of a crowd featuring 5,039 Nittany Lion fans

Penn State jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the match, winning the first and second sets, to command the advantage heading out of the intermission.

Tied up at 9-9 in the third set, a kill from Minnesota and a pair of Penn State errors sent the Golden Gophers ahead, 12-9. Penn State looked to get back on track with a kill from Ali Frantti, but another Minnesota kill and a block made it 14-10, prompting Penn State to call a timeout. The Gophers came out of the break with a kill, but a kill from Megan Courtney and a Minnesota attack error cut the deficit to three, 15-12.

The Golden Gophers followed with a 4-2 stretch to widen the margin to five, 19-14, causing PSU to call a timeout. Courtney came out of the break with a kill, 20-15, but the Nittany Lions could not sustain the momentum as the Golden Gophers used a 5-4 strike to take the third set, 25-19. Penn State opened the fourth frame with a 7-5 run capped off by back-to-back solo stuffs from Courtney and Haleigh Washington.

Minnesota answered back with a 4-2 strike to tie the score, 9-9. A Gopher kill and a PSU attack error moved Minnesota ahead by two, 11-9, but Frantti followed with a kill to put Penn State within one, 11-10. Penn State continued to battle, but Minnesota matched the Nittany Lion point-for-point to remain ahead by one, 17-16.

Rallying, a block from Washington and Frantti tied the score, 17-17, causing Minnesota to call a timeout. The Golden Gophers came out of the break with four unanswered points to pull ahead, 21-17. A Minnesota service error and a kill from sophomore Simone Lee made it 22-18, but Penn State could not continue the momentum as Minnesota took set four, 25-20 to send the match into a deciding fifth set.

Penn State opened the fifth frame on 5-3 streak, capped off by back-to-back kills from Washington. The Golden Gophers cut off the run with a block to arrive within one, 5-4. The two teams continued to trade points until a kill from Frantti lifted the Nittany Lions ahead by two, 8-6 at the crossover.

Minnesota quickly answered with a kill to keep within one, 8-7, but PSU responded with a 3-2 spurt finished off by kills from Courtney and Washington to move ahead by as many as three, 12-9, forcing Minnesota to call a timeout. The Gophers regrouped with a kill, but served into the net to keep Penn State on top, 13-10. Minnesota made one final attempt to spark a run with a kill, 13-11, but a kill from Washington made it match point, 14-11. A PSU service error held off the momentum before Frantti put down a kill to secure a 15-12 win in the fifth set.

## Match 14: #4 Nebraska 3, #1 Penn State 2

Oct. 2, 2015 - University Park, Pa. | Rec Hall

#	Nebraska	Attack				Pct	Serve			Block				Pts		
		S	K	E	TA		Asst	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA		BE	BH
8	Hunter, Kelly	5	0	2	14	-.143	52	2	1	0	4	0	4	0	0	4.0
5	Rolfzen, Amber	5	10	3	29	.241	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	12.5
6	Rolfzen, Kadi	5	11	5	35	.171	0	1	1	0	15	1	4	0	0	15.0
9	Hall, Cecilia	5	6	2	17	.235	0	0	0	0	2	1	7	0	0	10.5
11	Maloney, Kenzie	5	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0.0
14	Fien, Kelsey	5	9	2	30	.233	0	0	0	1	3	0	2	0	0	10.0
2	Foexka, Mikaela	5	22	11	57	.193	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	24.0
4	Wong-Orantes, J	5	0	0	0	.000	3	0	1	1	30	0	0	0	0	0.0
7	Townsend, Sydney	5	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.0
10	Ostrander, Alicia	1	1	0	4	.250	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	1.0
17	Abrecht, Annika	5	1	2	5	-.200	3	1	2	0	14	0	0	0	0	2.0
Totals		5	60	27	191	.173	58	5	8	2	84	2	24	0	0	79.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	5	6	27	.037	10-24	41%
2	13	5	49	.163	15-26	57%
3	15	3	43	.279	9-14	64%
4	15	9	43	.140	13-21	61%
5	12	4	29	.276	8-11	72%
				56-96	57%	

### SET SCORES

1	2	3	4	5	Team Records:
Nebraska (3)	12	24	25	25	12-1, 3-0
Penn State (2)	25	26	14	20	11 13-1, 2-1

### TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 14.0

#	Penn State	Attack				Pct	Serve			Block				Pts		
		S	K	E	TA		Asst	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA		BE	BH
6	Frantti, Ali	5	7	4	31	.097	1	0	1	2	11	0	0	0	0	7.0
14	Whitney, Aiyana	5	14	4	30	.333	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	15.5
16	Washington, Haleigh	5	11	3	29	.276	0	1	2	0	1	1	8	0	0	17.0
17	Courtney, Megan	5	16	9	62	.113	3	0	0	1	22	3	5	0	0	21.5
21	Weiskircher, Bryanna	5	2	1	5	.200	46	0	1	0	11	0	3	0	1	3.5
22	Lee, Simone	5	7	6	26	.038	1	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	8.5
8	Pierce, Kendall	5	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
8	Pierce, Lainy	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.0
12	Holcomb, Keaton	5	0	0	0	.000	3	0	1	2	23	0	0	0	0	0.0
13	Krause, Taylor	5	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	1.0
19	Thelen, Heidi	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		5	57	27	183	.164	54	2	7	5	81	4	22	0	1	74.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	15	4	30	.367	11-13	84%
2	18	7	46	.239	15-24	62%
3	10	7	51	.059	9-25	36%
4	9	6	36	.083	12-24	50%
5	5	3	20	.100	8-15	53%
				66-101	64%	

Site: University Park, Pa. (Recreation Building)  
Date: Oct 02, 2015 Attend: 5105 Time: 2:32  
Referees: Paul Albright, Devonie McClarty

Tie scores	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Lead change	1	11	0	9	4	25
	0	3	0	6	1	10

### TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 15.0

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. - No. 1 Penn State fell short in five sets to No. 4 Nebraska Friday evening at Rec Hall in front of its second consecutive 5,000-plus crowd.

The Nittany Lions shot out to a 2-0 lead in the match, to take control of sizable advantage heading into the intermission.

The Huskers came out of the break firing, using an 8-3 run in the third set to build an early advantage. Penn State called timeout looking to break up the momentum, but Nebraska followed with a 5-2 stretch to pull ahead by as many as eight, 13

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## Match 15: #1 Penn State 3, Iowa 0

Oct. 3, 2015 - University Park, Pa. | Rec Ha

#	Iowa	Attack				Ast	Serve			Dig	Block			BH	Pts	
		S	K	E	TA		Pct	SA	SE		RE	BS	BA			BE
4	Mariani, Ashley	3	6	1	13	.385	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	6.0	
7	Klostermann, Alyssa	3	0	0	0	.000	0	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	3.0	
10	Keala, Loxley	3	2	0	4	.500	36	2	3	0	9	0	1	0	2	4.5
11	Davey, Reagan	3	8	4	24	.167	0	2	2	0	5	0	1	0	10.5	
18	Brobst, Lauren	3	9	3	23	.261	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	9.5	
29	Janota, Jess	3	10	3	19	.368	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	1	11.5	
1	Kelly, Molly	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0.0	
5	McNeil, Taylr	2	0	0	2	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0	
8	Coyle, Reghan	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
9	Olsen, Annika	3	0	0	1	.000	3	0	0	2	13	0	0	0	0.0	
13	Gunderson, Mikaela	3	6	2	12	.333	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	8.0	
14	O'Deen, Allii	3	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0	
Totals		3	41	13	99	.283	40	7	10	4	43	0	10	1	2	53.0

### Team Attack By Set

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 5.0

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	16	7	40	.225	13-24	50%
2	12	3	27	.333	12-24	50%
3	13	3	32	.312	15-25	60%
					40-75	53%

SET SCORES  
Iowa (0) 24 16 23  
Penn State (3) 26 25 25

Team Records:  
10-7, 0-4  
14-1, 3-1

#	Penn State	Attack				Ast	Serve			Dig	Block			BH	Pts	
		S	K	E	TA		Pct	SA	SE		RE	BS	BA			BE
5	Frantti, Ali	3	7	0	14	.500	0	0	0	2	4	1	0	0	8.0	
14	Whitney, Aiyana	3	8	2	16	.375	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	9.0	
15	Washington, Haleigh	3	11	5	19	.316	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	13.5	
17	Courtney, Megan	3	12	5	34	.206	2	0	0	0	13	0	1	1	12.5	
21	Weiskircher, Bryanna	3	2	0	3	.667	34	3	1	0	10	0	1	0	5.5	
22	Lee, Simone	3	7	1	17	.353	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	8.5	
2	Caraway, Lara	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
3	Pierce, Kendall	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0.0	
12	Holcomb, Keeton	3	0	0	0	.000	5	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0.0	
13	Krause, Taylor	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0.0	
Totals		3	47	13	103	.330	43	4	2	7	43	1	10	1	0	57.0

### Team Attack By Set

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 6.0

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	16	5	42	.262	13-24	54%
2	18	1	28	.607	13-17	76%
3	13	7	33	.182	15-23	65%
					41-64	64%

Site: University Park, Pa. (Rec Hall)  
Date: Oct 03, 2015 Attend: 5331 Time: 1:33  
Referees: Devonie McLarty, Paul Albright

	1	2	3	Total
Tie scores	6	3	9	18
Lead chance	2	2	3	7

**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.** - Behind double digit kills from two Nittany Lions, top-ranked Penn State swept past Iowa, 3-0 in front of 5,331 fans at Rec Hall.

With a team-high 12 kills, senior Megan Courtney reached 1,000 career kills milestone, and is now just four digs shy of the 1,000 career digs plateau.

Penn State opened the match on a 6-4 stretch to take over an early lead. The Hawkeyes broke up the rhythm with a pair of consecutive kills to even the score, 6-6. Iowa continued its momentum, using a 5-1 run to move ahead by three, 11-7, prompting Penn State to call a timeout.

The Nittany Lions came battling back with a 5-1 run, capped off by an ace from Weiskircher to knot the frame, 12-12, forcing Iowa to call a timeout. The Hawkeyes came out of the break with a 6-1 streak to pull ahead 18-13. Whitney and Courtney cut off the momentum with back-to-back kills, trimming the deficit to three, 18-15. Penn State could not sustain the momentum as the Hawkeyes answered back with a 3-2 spurt to make it 22-17, causing Penn State to call a timeout.

Penn State came out of the break with kills from Courtney and Washington and a block from Washington and Weiskircher to arrive within one, 21-20. An Iowa attack error and a kill from Frantti pushed Penn State ahead, 22-21, prompting Iowa to call a timeout. The two teams traded points before a kill from Frantti made it set point, 24-23. The Hawkeyes held off one attempt before Frantti and Whitney put away kills to secure a 26-24 win in the first set.

The Nittany Lions and the Hawkeyes traded points early in the second frame to keep the score close. Tied up at 4-4, Penn State used a 10-5 stretch featuring four kills from Washington to surge ahead by as many as five, 14-9. Iowa called timeout, but Weiskircher came out of the break with an ace to spark a 4-1 strike that widened the advantage to as many as eight, 18-10.

Iowa looked to cut off run with a kill, 18-11, but the Nittany Lions answered back with a 6-5 stretch to arrive at set point, 24-16. Looking to hold off the attempt, the Hawkeyes called a timeout, but Frantti answered with a kill to give Penn State a 25-16 win in the second set to put PSU up 2-0 at the intermission.

Clinging to a one-point lead, 19-18, in the third set, Penn State called timeout. An Iowa service error out of the break tied the score, 19-19, but three consecutive Hawkeye errors sent Penn State ahead, 21-20. Whitney added a kill to stretch the Nittany Lion lead to two, 22-20. The Hawkeyes put down two kills in a row to tie it up, but a service error gave Penn State the edge, 23-22. Iowa made one final attempt to mount a comeback with a kill, 23-23, but Courtney capped off a 25-23 win in the third set with a pair of kills to complete the sweep.

## Match 16: #3 Penn State 3, #13 Illinois 1

Oct. 9 - Champaign | Huff Hall

#	PSU	Attack				Ast	Serve			Dig	Block			BH	Pts	
		S	K	E	TA		Pct	SA	SE		RE	BS	BA			BE
5	Frantti, Ali	4	10	4	28	.214	1	0	1	1	5	0	1	0	10.5	
14	Whitney, Aiyana	4	16	3	31	.419	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	17.5	
15	Washington, Haleigh	4	11	3	27	.296	0	1	3	0	3	0	7	0	15.5	
17	Courtney, Megan	4	18	4	46	.304	1	0	1	0	19	3	3	0	22.5	
21	Weiskircher, Bryanna	4	3	0	8	.375	54	0	1	0	14	0	3	0	1	4.5
22	Lee, Simone	4	6	4	19	.105	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	7.5	
2	Caraway, Lara	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
3	Pierce, Kendall	4	0	0	0	.000	2	2	1	0	10	0	0	0	2.0	
4	Rivera, Wilma	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0.0	
10	Muller, Carley	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
12	Holcomb, Keeton	4	0	0	0	.000	3	0	2	0	13	0	0	0	0.0	
13	Krause, Taylor	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.0	
Totals		4	64	18	159	.289	62	3	11	1	71	3	20	0	1	80.0

### Team Attack By Set

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 13.0

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	14	3	37	.297	11-16	68%
2	19	3	36	.444	14-19	73%
3	16	6	44	.227	12-25	47%
4	15	6	42	.214	16-26	61%
					53-86	61%

SET SCORES  
PSU (3) 25 25 24 27  
Illinois (1) 16 18 26 25

Team Records:  
15-1, 4-1  
11-5, 2-3

#	Illinois	Attack				Ast	Serve			Dig	Block			BH	Pts	
		S	K	E	TA		Pct	SA	SE		RE	BS	BA			BE
1	Poulter, Jordyn	4	0	2	2	-1.000	46	0	0	0	8	0	1	0	0.5	
5	Bastianelli, Ali	4	1	2	7	-.143	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	3.5	
7	Birks, Jocelynn	4	21	7	58	.241	0	0	2	1	10	0	2	0	22.0	
10	Davis, Danielle	4	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.0	
12	Stadick, Katie	4	4	4	22	.000	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	4.5	
13	Stark, Ali	4	1	4	8	-.375	1	0	1	1	8	0	0	0	1.0	
2	Conard, Julia	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0.0	
3	Donnelly, Brandi	4	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	1	25	0	0	0	0.0	
4	Strizak, Michelle	4	22	6	52	.308	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	22.5	
6	Mayers, Maddie	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
9	Crittenden, Naya	2	3	3	11	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	4.5	
11	Roustio, Katie	1	1	1	4	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0	
18	Palmer, Allison	4	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1.0	
Totals		4	53	29	164	.146	50	1	3	3	68	0	13	0	0	60.5

### Team Attack By Set

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 6.5

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	8	10	37	-.054	11-25	43%
2	10	3	32	.219	13-24	54%
3	19	6	47	.277	13-25	51%
4	16	10	48	.125	15-26	57%
					52-100	51%

Site: Champaign, Ill. (Huff Hall)  
Date: Oct 09, 2015 Attend: 3997 Time: 2:07  
Referees: Donnie Goodwin, Colleen Madera, Dave Cooper

**CHAMPAIGN, Ill.** - Led by double figure kills from four Nittany Lions, No. 3 Penn State pushed past No. 13 Illinois in four sets Friday evening at Huff Hall.

Senior Megan Courtney powered the Penn State offense with 18 kills to go along with a team-high 19 digs for her fourth consecutive and eighth double-double of the season. Courtney also joined an elite group, surpassing the 1,000 career kills/1,000 career digs to become just the eighth Nittany Lion in program history to reach the milestone.

Leading by as many as six in the first set, 18-12, Illinois came storming back with two kills in between a Penn State attack error following a kill from Simone Lee, to trim the deficit to four, 19-15. The Nittany Lions answered with a 6-1 scoring streak capped off by kills from Courtney and Ali Frantti to secure a 25-16 win.

With the score close in the second half, 9-8, Penn State used a 3-0 spurt featuring a pair of kills from Whitney to move ahead by four, 12-8, prompting the Illini to call a timeout. The Fighting Illini came out of the break with a pair of kills, but Whitney put down a kill to keep PSU ahead by three, 13-10. The Illini looked to get back on track with a kill, 13-11, but Aiyana Whitney and Courtney opened up an 8-4 run with back-to-back kills to send Penn State surging ahead by as many as six, 21-15. A Penn State attack error out of an Illinois timeout made it 21-16, but PSU responded with a 3-1 strike capped off by an ace from senior Kendall Pierce made it set point, 24-17. Illinois held off one attempt before Whitney put away her seventh kill of the second set to close out a 25-18 win in the second set.

After leading for most of the third set, 22-16, three straight Illinois kills moved the Illini within three, 22-19, forcing Penn State to call a timeout. Illinois pulled within two out of the break, 22-20, but a kill from Frantti gave Penn State a three-point advantage, 23-20. Frantti followed another Illinois kill with a kill to set the Nittany Lions up for set point, 24-21. The Fighting Illini came charging back with five unanswered points to take set three, 26-24.

With the score locked up at 11-11 in the fourth set, a kill from Whitney and a pair of Illinois attack errors pulled the Nittany Lions ahead, 14-11. The Illini answered with a kill, but another kill from Whitney lifted Penn State ahead by three, 15-12 at the media timeout. Penn State came out of the break with a block, but Illinois used a 4-0 streak to tie the score, 16-16. The Nittany Lions and the Illini continued to trade points, keeping the score knotted. With the stanza tied up, 19-19 a pair of Illinois errors pulled Penn State ahead by two, 21-19, forcing the Fighting Illini to call a timeout. Illinois came out the break with a 3-1 strike to tie the score, 22-22.

Penn State and Illinois continued to trade points to lock up the score three more times, 25-25, before Courtney closed out a 27-25 win in the fourth set with back-to-back kills to finish off the 3-1 victory.

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## Match 17: Northwestern 3, #3 Penn State 2

Oct. 10, 2015 - Evanston, Ill. | Welsh-Ryan Arena

#	Penn State	Attack				Serve			Block				Pts			
		S	K	E	TA	Pct	Ast	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS		BA	BE	BH
5	Frantti, Ali	5	6	7	29	.034	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	-
14	Whitney, Aiyana	5	13	5	34	.235	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	-
15	Washington, Haleigh	5	9	2	19	.368	0	0	2	0	1	1	7	0	0	-
17	Courtney, Megan	5	14	6	48	.167	3	0	0	0	23	0	4	0	0	-
21	Weiskircher, Bryanna	5	0	0	0	.000	43	0	1	0	17	0	3	1	2	-
22	Lee, Simone	5	14	5	31	.290	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	-
2	Caraway, Lara	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
3	Pierce, Kendall	5	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	-
4	Rivera, Wilma	1	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
6	Reed, Nia	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
12	Holcomb, Keeton	5	0	0	0	.000	3	1	0	1	15	0	0	0	0	-
13	Krause, Taylor	4	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	-
19	Thelen, Heidi	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Team																
Totals		5	56	25	161	.193	49	2	5	5	68	2	24	1	2	-

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct
1	12	7	34	.147
2	16	4	34	.353
3	9	3	37	.162
4	13	3	33	.303
5	6	8	23	-.087

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 14.0

SET SCORES	1	2	3	4	5	Team Records:
Penn State (2)	18	25	24	25	12	15-2
Northwestern (3)	25	23	26	17	15	11-6

#	Northwestern	Attack				Serve			Block				Pts			
		S	K	E	TA	Pct	Ast	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS		BA	BE	BH
1	Taylor Tashima	5	7	2	13	.385	52	0	0	0	10	0	2	0	0	-
2	Symone Abbott	5	17	11	51	.118	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	-
4	Rachael Fara	5	8	3	14	.357	2	2	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	-
7	Katie Kniep	5	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	-
11	Maddie Slater	5	10	2	27	.296	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	0	0	-
15	Kayla Morin	5	15	5	39	.256	3	1	2	0	14	0	5	0	1	-
5	Caroline Nidospial	5	0	0	0	.000	3	0	1	0	21	0	0	0	0	-
10	Rafae Strobos	5	0	0	0	.000	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	-
13	Abbie Kraus	5	0	0	0	.000	1	0	6	2	10	0	0	0	0	-
16	Sofia Lavin	5	10	7	31	.097	1	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	-
Totals		5	67	30	175	.211	62	5	15	2	75	0	16	2	1	-

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct
1	15	2	30	.433
2	15	6	37	.243
3	17	10	47	.149
4	13	7	40	.150
5	7	5	21	.095

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 8.0

Site: Evanston, Ill. (Welsh-Ryan Arena)  
Date: Oct 10, 2015 Attend: 1697 Time: 2:21  
Referees:

**EVANSTON, ILL.** - No. 3 Penn State came up short in a five set loss to Northwestern on the road at Welsh-Ryan Arena.

After a back and forth opening, Northwestern rallied to tied the score, 18-18, before a Penn State service error and a pair of Wildcat kills moved Northwestern ahead, 21-18, forcing Penn State to call a timeout. The Nittany Lions could not get back on track out of the break as NU used a late 7-0 rally to take set one, 25-18.

Trailing by four in the second set, a Northwestern service error out of the break sparked a 5-1 PSU streak that put Penn State within one, 19-18, prompting the Wildcats to call a timeout. Penn State came out of the huddle with a block from Whitney and Frantti, but NU continued to match PSU point-for-point to keep the score locked up. Tied at 20-20, Whitney and Courtney followed a Wildcat point with a pair of kills to put Penn State on top, 23-22. A Northwestern attack error on the on the next point set the Nittany Lions up for set point, 24-22. The Wildcats held off one attempt before an overpass kill from Lee secured a 25-23 win in the second set in favor of the Nittany Lions to tie the match, 1-1.

Penn State and Northwestern battled back-and-forth in the third set. The Wildcats used 3-1 spurt to break away from an 18-all tie and move ahead 21-19, forcing Penn State to call a timeout. Two NU errors and a solo stuff from Frantti out of the break lifted the Nittany Lions ahead by one, 22-21, prompting the Wildcats to use a timeout. Northwestern came out of the break firing, using a 3-1 strike to arrive at set point, 24-23. Whitney held off the attempt with a kill, 24-24, but two Wildcat kills gave Northwestern a 26-24 win in the third set

With PSU leading by as many as seven in the fourth set, 17-10, the Wildcats looked to get back on track with a kill, 17-11, but Lee sparked a 5-2 stretch that sent Penn State ahead by as many as nine, 22-13. Two Northwestern kills trimmed the margin to seven, 22-15, but a Wildcat attack error and a block from Lee and Whitney lifted Penn State to set point, 24-15. Northwestern held off two attempts before serving long to give the Nittany Lions a 25-17 win in the fourth set.

Trailing by as many as five in the fifth set, 6-1, a block from Whitney and Lee and a kill from Washington shaved the deficit to three, 6-3. The Wildcats answered back with a 3-1 strike to move back ahead by five, 9-4. A Northwestern attack error gave the Nittany Lions an opportunity, but Penn State called timeout after another NU kill made it 10-5. Penn State rallied out of the break with a 4-2 stretch to pull within three, 12-9. Penn State and Northwestern traded points before a Wildcat attack error brought the Nittany Lions within two, 13-11, causing NU to call a timeout. A Nittany Lion attack error out of the break made it match point for the Wildcats, 14-11. An NU service error held off the attempt before a Wildcat kill gave Northwestern a 15-12 win in the fifth set.

## Match 18: #5 Penn State 3, Indiana 0

Oct. 16, 2015 - University Park, Pa. | Rec Hall

#	Indiana	Attack				Serve			Block				Pts			
		S	K	E	TA	Pct	Ast	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS		BA	BE	BH
3	Merritt, Kyndall	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	0.0
4	George, Chante	3	6	3	20	.150	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6.5
8	Anderson, Amelia	3	10	9	32	.031	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10.0
9	Tallman, Megan	3	0	1	3	-.333	29	0	2	0	2	0	1	2	1	0.5
12	Fogg, Samantha	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0.0
20	Nwaeze, Awele	3	6	3	18	.167	0	0	1	0	5	1	1	0	0	7.5
1	Harnish, Courtney	3	0	0	1	.000	2	3	3	0	13	0	0	0	0	0.0
6	Lebo, Taylor	3	2	2	9	.000	0	0	3	1	11	0	0	0	0	2.0
7	Leish, Jessica	2	6	3	20	.150	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6.0
11	Hammond, Allison	1	1	2	4	-.250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
14	Asdell, Elizabeth	3	3	1	11	.182	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	3.5
15	Waggoner, Mallory	1	1	2	4	-.250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
Totals		3	35	26	122	.074	32	0	10	3	51	1	4	2	1	38.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	12	8	41	.098	11-24	45%
2	13	10	46	.065	10-25	40%
3	10	8	35	.057	11-24	45%

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 3.0

SET SCORES	1	2	3	Team Records:
Indiana (0)	18	15	14	12-7, 2-5
Penn State (3)	25	25	25	16-2, 5-2

#	Penn State	Attack				Serve			Block				Pts			
		S	K	E	TA	Pct	Ast	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS		BA	BE	BH
2	Caraway, Lara	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0.0
5	Frantti, Ali	3	5	3	23	.087	1	2	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	7.0
14	Whitney, Aiyana	3	6	1	23	.217	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	0	0	10.0
15	Washington, Haleigh	3	5	1	16	.250	0	0	2	0	3	1	2	1	0	7.0
21	Weiskircher, Bryanna	3	2	1	6	.167	28	0	0	0	9	0	6	1	0	5.0
22	Lee, Simone	3	10	1	19	.474	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	11.5
3	Pierce, Kendall	3	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	1.0
6	Reed, Nia	3	6	3	14	.214	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	7.0
8	Pierce, Lainy	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
12	Holcomb, Keeton	3	0	0	0	.000	4	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0.0
13	Krause, Taylor	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
19	Thelen, Heidi	1	1	0	2	.500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.5
Totals		3	35	10	103	.243	34	3	2	0	51	2	2	0	2	50.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	13	5	37	.216	12-19	63%
2	9	2	29	.241	10-15	66%
3	13	3	37	.270	12-15	80%

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 12.0

Site: University Park, Pa. (Recreation Building)  
Date: Oct 16, 2015 Attend: 2938 Time: 1:22  
Referees: Michelle Prater, Mara Wager

Tie scores	1	2	3	Total
Lead change	0	1	1	2

**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.** - Career-high performances led No. 5 Penn State past Indiana in straight sets Friday evening at home in Rec Hall.

Simone Lee led the offense for the second consecutive outing, totaling 10 kills on a career-high .474 hitting efficiency. Aiyana Whitney and Nia Reed finished tied for second on the team with six kills each. In addition to a career-high kills tally, Reed also notched her first career multi-block performance with a pair of blocks.

Senior Lara Caraway logged a career-high eight digs in her first collegiate start. Whitney led the blocking unit with a career-high eight blocks, while Bryanna Weiskircher finished second with a career-high six blocks.

With the Hoosiers within one, 10-9 early in the first set, the Nittany Lions regrouped with an 8-2 scoring stretch, featuring a pair of kills and a block from Lee to send Penn State ahead by as many as seven, 18-11. Indiana called another timeout and came out of the huddle with a kill and a block, but a service error kept Penn State on top, 19-13. Indiana looked to spark a run with a kill, 19-14, but PSU answered with a 5-3 stretch capped off by kills from Weiskircher and Lee to arrive at set point, 24-17. A Nittany Lion attack error held off the attempt, before a kill from Lee closed out a 25-18 win in the first set.

Trailing by one early in the second set, 4-3, two kills from Washington and one from Frantti lifted the Nittany Lions ahead, 6-4. IU looked to break up the momentum with a kill, 6-5, but an Indiana service error and a block and a kill from Washington kept Penn State on top, 9-5. A Hoosier block kept Indiana close, 9-6, but two PSU blocks and a kill opened up a 10-5 run that bolstered the Nittany Lion advantage to as many as eight, 19-11. The Hoosiers called a timeout, but an ace from Pierce out of the break sent Penn State ahead, 20-11. An Indiana kill and a PSU attack error trimmed the margin, 20-13, but Whitney sparked a 4-2 strike with a kill to carry the Nittany Lions to set point, 24-15. An Indiana service error handed the Nittany Lions a 25-15 win in the second set for a 2-0 lead in the match at the intermission.

Penn State came out of the break firing, using a 12-7 lead to construct an early advantage. The Hoosiers looked to break up the rhythm with a timeout, but Lee sparked a 5-1 run with three consecutive kills to send Penn State surging ahead, 17-8. Indiana looked to get back on track with a kill, 17-9, but a kill from Whitney and a block from Whitney and sophomore Heidi Thelen stretched the Nittany Lion advantage to double digits, 19-9.

Indiana looked to break up the streak with a kill, 19-10, but kills from Whitney, Thelen and Weiskircher in

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## Match 19: #5 Penn State 3, #18 Purdue 0

Oct. 17, 2015 - University Park, Pa. | Rec Hall

#	Purdue	Attack				Pct	Ast	Serve			Block				Pts	
		S	K	E	TA			SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE		BH
3	Peters, Brooke	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0.0
5	Evans, Ashley	3	4	0	8	.500	24	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	4.5
8	Smith, Alexa	2	1	0	9	.111	1	0	0	1	7	0	3	0	0	2.5
13	Adelaja, Faye	3	8	4	14	.286	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	10.0
18	Drews, Annie	3	11	8	33	.091	2	0	2	0	6	0	1	0	0	11.5
20	Cuttino, Danielle	3	6	3	18	.167	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	9.0
1	Dimke, Lydia	1	0	0	0	.000	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
4	Epenesa, Sam	3	4	4	13	.000	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.0
6	Workman, Kate	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
7	Neill, Amanda	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	3	1	7	0	0	0	0	0.0
10	Stahl, Azariah	3	2	3	9	-.111	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2.5
Totals		3	36	22	104	.135	33	1	8	4	32	2	12	0	0	45.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	10	7	37	.081	12-24	50%
2	12	8	36	.111	14-25	56%
3	14	7	31	.226	14-24	58%
40-73				54%		

### SET SCORES

1	2	3	Team Records:
Purdue (0)	18	17	17-4, 6-2
Penn State (3)	25	25	17-2, 6-2

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 8.0

#	Penn State	Attack				Pct	Ast	Serve			Block				Pts	
		S	K	E	TA			SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE		BH
2	Caraway,Lara	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0.0
5	Frantti,Ali	3	9	2	22	.318	1	0	0	0	11	0	6	0	0	12.0
14	Whitney,Aiyana	3	6	1	16	.312	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	7.5
15	Washington,Haleigh	3	10	0	17	.588	0	0	1	0	1	3	6	2	1	16.0
21	Weiskircher,Bryanna	3	1	1	3	.000	36	4	0	0	6	0	3	1	0	6.5
22	Lee,Simone	3	12	4	24	.333	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	12.5
3	Pierce,Kendall	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0.0
6	Reed,Nia	3	3	3	9	.000	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3.5
12	Holcomb,Keeton	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0.0
19	Thelen,Heidi	3	0	1	1	-.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		3	41	12	92	.315	39	4	1	1	42	3	20	3	2	58.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	14	6	34	.235	13-19	68%
2	14	5	36	.250	14-17	82%
3	13	1	22	.545	15-18	83%
42-54				77%		

Site: University Park, Pa. (Recreation Building)

Date: Oct 17, 2015 Attend: 4032 Time: 1:23

Referees: Mara Wager, Michelle Prater

Tie scores 1 2 3 Total

Lead change 2 6 2 10

1 2 0 3

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 13.0

**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.** - Double figure kills from sophomores Haleigh Washington and Simone Lee guided No. 5 Penn State past No. 18 Purdue in straight sets Saturday evening at Rec Hall.

Penn State and Purdue opened the match trading points to keep the score close. With the frame tied, 3-3, a kill from Lee and a block from Frantti and Whitney helped spark a 5-1 strike that lifted Penn State ahead by as many as four, 8-4. The Boilermakers looked to cut off the momentum with a kill, 8-5, but the Nittany Lions regrouped with a 4-1 run capped off by back-to-back solo stuffs from Washington to double the advantage, 12-6. Washington and Weiskircher came out of the break with a block, 13-6, but the Boilermakers battled back with a 7-4 run to cut the Nittany Lion lead back to four, 17-13. Penn State called timeout and came out of the break with kills from Whitney and Washington to open up a 4-1 stretch that lifted PSU ahead by as many as seven, 21-14.

The Boilermakers looked to mount a comeback a block, 21-15, but two consecutive kills from Washington and Lee quickly made it 23-15. Purdue made one final attempt to put together a run with two consecutive kills, 23-17, but a kill from Washington made it set point, 24-17. Penn State and Purdue traded service errors, handing the Nittany Lions a 25-18 win in the first set.

Much like the opening frame, Penn State and Purdue battled back and forth in the first part of the second set. With the score knotted 8-8, an ace from Weiskircher and a Purdue attack error gave the Nittany Lions a two-point cushion, 10-8. A PSU attack error shaved the advantage to one, 10-9, but a kill from redshirt freshman Nia Reed sparked a 4-2 stretch that sent the Nittany Lions up by three, 14-11.

Purdue called a timeout, but Penn State rallied out of the break with another 4-2 streak to make it 18-13, prompting the Boilermakers to call a timeout. PSU came out of the huddle with a pair of kills and a tandem block from Whitney and Lee to widen the Nittany Lion advantage to as many as eight, 21-13. The Boilermakers responded with a 4-2 spurt to shrink the Penn State lead to six, 23-17, causing Penn State to call a timeout. Two straight Purdue errors out of the timeout gave the Nittany Lions a 25-17 win in the second set for a 2-0 lead heading into the intermission.

With Purdue close behind in the third set, 9-8, a kill from Lee and an ace from Weiskircher sparked a 5-2 strike that lifted Penn State ahead by four, 14-10. The Boilermakers answered with a kill and a tremendous ace to cut the advantage to two, 14-12. Washington followed with back-to-back kills to put together a 6-2 scoring streak that sent Penn State surging ahead, 20-13. Purdue looked to cut off the momentum with a kill, 20-14, but Penn State used a 4-2 stretch to arrive at match point, 24-16. The Boilermakers held off one attempt before a service error closed out a 25-17 win in the third set in favor of the Nittany Lions to complete the sweep.

## Match 20: #5 Penn State 3, #23 Michigan 2

Oct. 21, 2015 - Ann Arbor, Mich. | Cliff Keen Arena

#	Penn State	Attack				Pct	Ast	Serve			Block				Pts	
		S	K	E	TA			SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE		BH
5	Frantti,Ali	5	8	5	33	.091	1	0	0	0	17	0	2	0	0	9.0
6	Reed,Nia	2	0	2	4	-.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
14	Whitney,Aiyana	5	18	7	40	.275	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	0	22.0
21	Washington,Haleigh	5	17	1	27	.593	0	2	4	0	1	1	4	0	0	22.0
15	Weiskircher,Bryanna	5	4	1	9	.333	53	2	0	0	12	0	4	0	0	8.0
22	Lee,Simone	5	13	6	29	.241	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	15.0
2	Caraway,Lara	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
3	Pierce,Kendall	5	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0.0
8	Pierce,Lainy	5	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
12	Holcomb,Keeton	5	0	0	0	.000	4	0	1	1	9	0	0	0	0	0.0
13	Krause,Taylor	5	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0.0
19	Thelen,Heidi	5	3	1	7	.286	0	0	0	0	1	8	1	1	8.0	
Totals		5	63	23	149	.268	61	4	5	1	55	4	26	2	1	84.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	14	7	36	.194	12-18	66%
2	11	4	35	.200	14-25	56%
3	15	5	35	.286	14-24	58%
4	14	5	28	.321	14-21	66%
5	9	2	15	.467	6-7	85%
60-95				63%		

### SET SCORES

1	2	3	4	5	Team Records:
Penn State (3)	25	22	18	25	18-2, 7-2 B1G
Michigan (2)	18	25	20	7	15-5, 5-4 B1G

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 17.0

#	Michigan	Attack				Pct	Ast	Serve			Block				Pts	
		S	K	E	TA			SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE		BH
1	Kieffer-Wright, C.	5	14	4	27	.370	1	0	3	0	2	1	1	1	0	15.5
2	Knop, Caroline	5	2	2	8	.000	1	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	2.0
8	Warner, Carly	5	1	0	1	.000	37	0	2	0	4	0	1	0	0	1.5
12	Goode, Krystalyn	5	7	2	14	.357	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	9.5
17	Cole, Abby	5	14	10	35	.114	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	15.5
18	Skjodt, Carly	5	10	4	27	.222	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	10.5
3	Lerg, Lindsey	5	0	0	0	.000	2	1	1	1	16	0	0	0	1	1.0
7	Morales, Tiffany	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0.0
10	Lerg, Jenna	4	0	0	0	.000	3	0	2	1	7	0	0	0	0	0.0
11	Lambert, Adeja	5	8	3	23	.217	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8.0
13	Mahlke, Katherine	5	7	2	18	.278	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7.5
14	Abbott, Maddy	5	0	0	0	.000	12	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		5	63	27	153	.235	56	1	8	4	50	3	8	2	2	71.0

### Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct	Sideout	Pct
1	10	6	39	.103	12-25	47%
2	20	9	41	.268	14-22	63%
3	18	2	30	.533	15-19	78%
4	10	7	26	.115	13-24	54%
5	5	3	17	.118	6-15	40%
60-105				57%		

Site: Ann Arbor, Mich. (Cliff Keen Arena)

Date: Oct 21, 2015 Attend: 1800 Time: 2:26

Referees: Rod Rodriguez, CJ McAbee-Reher

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 7.0

**ANN ARBOR, Mich.** - A trio of Nittany Lions recorded double figure kills as No. 5 Penn State rallied past No. 23 Michigan in five sets on the road Wednesday evening at Cliff Keen Arena.

Trailing by as many as five in set one, 12-7, a Michigan service error and a kill from Heidi Thelen sparked an 8-3 scoring streak, capped off by kills from Ali Frantti and Haleigh Washington to tie the score, 15-15. Michigan looked to break up the momentum with a kill, 16-15, but Washington put away a kill before teaming up with Bryanna Weiskircher for a block to send Penn State ahead by one, 17-16.

Michigan called a timeout and came out of the break with a kill to knot the frame, 17-17. Penn State responded to a Wolverine service error with a block from Weiskircher and Aiyana Whitney, opening up 5-1 run that sent Penn State ahead by as many as four, 22-18, causing Michigan to call a timeout, 22-18. A kill from Whitney and a pair of Michigan errors handed the Nittany Lions a 25-18 win in the first set.

Penn State could not continue its momentum as the Wolverines won the next two consecutive sets to take a 2-1 lead heading into the fourth set.

With the score tied early in set four, 6-6, a pair of consecutive kills from Washington and a Michigan error lifted the Nittany Lions ahead, 9-6. Michigan looked to cut off the run with a kill, 9-7, but PSU responded with a 4-1 strike to expand the