



PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

SEVEN-TIME NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

34 NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES | 16 BIG TEN TITLES

2015 SCHEDULE & RECORD

Overall: 15-2 (Home: 8-1, Away: 3-1, Neutral: 4-0)

Big Ten: 3-1 (Home: 3-1, Away: 1-1)

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*	7 p.m.
17	vs. PURDUE*	7 p.m.
21	at Michigan*#	7 p.m.
24	at Michigan State*	7 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 8: vs. INDIANA AND PURDUE

Friday, October 16, 2015 | University Park, Pa. - Rec Hall

Saturday, October 17, 2015 | University Park, Pa. - Rec Hall

#5 PENN STATE VS. WEEKEND OPPONENTS

NITTANY LIONS



Record: 15-2

Big Ten: 4-2

National Rank: #5

Head coach: Russ Rose

Overall Record: 1,176 -182

INDIANA HOOSIERS



Record: 12-6

Big Ten: 2-4

National Rank: NR

Last Outing: 10/18/14

Head coach: Sherry Dunbar-Kruzan

PURDUE BOILERMAKERS



Record: 15-2

Big Ten: 6-0

National Rank: 18

Last Outing: 10/17/14

Head coach: Dave Shondell

FIRST SERVE

» Fifth-ranked Penn State women's volleyball returns home this week for a pair of Big Ten conference matches. The Nittany Lions square off against Indiana Friday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m., before welcoming No. 18 Purdue Saturday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. in Rec Hall.

» PROMOTIONAL SPOTLIGHT: Penn State will pay tribute to service members on Military Appreciation night Friday evening. The Nittany Lions will host a postgame sitting volleyball match featuring the PSU men's volleyball team and Penn State Ability Athletes. After Saturday's match against the Boilermakers, the Nittany Lions will host a postmatch autograph session for fans.

» Penn State split the third week of Big Ten conference play, 1-1, pushing past No. 13 Illinois in four sets before coming up short in a 3-2 loss at Northwestern.

» The Nittany Lions moved to 5-1 this year against teams ranked within the Top 25 of the AVCA Coaches' Poll after defeating the Illini. This weekend's matchup against the No. 18 Boilermakers marks Penn State's fifth meeting against a top 25 opponent in its last eight 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.

» Penn State has earned 13 of its 15 victories this year by way of a 3-0 sweep, while also limiting its opponents to a .139 hitting percentage. The mark ranks seventh nationally and leads the Big Ten.

» Averaging 3.09 blocks per set on the year, Penn State has commanded a 179.0 - 79.5 advantage in the blocking margin against its opponents in 2015. The average ranks fourth nationally and leads the Big Ten. Individually, sophomore Haleigh Washington's 1.53 blocks per set ranks 11th nationally and second in the Big Ten.

» Penn State's .291 hitting clip ranks seventh in the NCAA national standings and second in the Big Ten. Helped out by Haleigh Washington's team-high .454 hitting clip, her efficiency ranks third nationally and leads the Big Ten.

» Veterans senior Megan Courtney and redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney are among the group of top Nittany Lion attackers with 189 and 179 kills, respectively. Averaging 3.26 kills per set, Courtney has had double-doubles (kills/digs) in each of the last six straight matches. Whitney's averaging 3.09 kills per set with double digit kills in eight of the last nine matches

» In the win against St. John's, 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.

» 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 moved to No. 5 in the AVCA Top 25 Coaches' Poll. Prior to the move, Penn State was ranked No. 3, having spent the first six straight weeks of the season atop the standings.

» 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.

» The Nittany Lions have won their last eight straight matches against Indiana, posting straight set wins in the three most recent outings. The Hoosiers have not visited Penn State since Nov. 9, 2013.

» Penn State has also won its last eight consecutive matches against Purdue, including a close five-set victory on the road in West Lafayette in the most recent meeting Oct. 17, 2014. Saturday's match will be the Boilermakers' first trip to Happy Valley since Nov. 8, 2013.

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.	10	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.00
3	Kendall Pierce	DS	5-5	Sr.	46	0.00	-.500	0.11	0.11	0.98	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.	58	2.59	.238	0.16	0.02	1.67	0.29
6	Nia Reed	OH	6-2	RS-Fr.	4	0.75	.286	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Lainy Pierce	DS	5-6	So.	16	0.00	.000	0.00	0.06	0.31	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.	57	0.00	.000	0.60	0.07	3.44	0.00
13	Taylor Krause	DS	5-5	Jr.	40	0.00	.000	0.10	0.17	1.08	0.00
14	Aiyana Whitney	OH	6-3	RS-Sr.	58	3.09	.327	0.03	0.00	0.40	0.86
15	Haleigh Washington	MB	6-3	So.	58	2.67	.454	0.03	0.28	0.53	1.53
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.	43	0.65	.261	0.19	0.00	0.21	1.16
21	Bryanna Weiskircher	S	6-0	RS-Fr.	58	0.47	.208	10.43	0.29	2.26	0.55
22	Simone Lee	OH	6-0	So.	33	1.39	.208	0.03	0.03	0.24	0.48
24	Laura Broerman	DS	5-3	So.	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

PENN STATE

58 13.40 .291 12.43 1.14 14.31 3.09

OPPONENTS

58 11.31 .139 10.76 0.84 13.45 1.56

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)

Volunteer Assistant:

Shawn Sangrey (Ohio State)

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.
Purdue	15-2	.882	6-0	1.000
Ohio State	16-2	.889	5-1	.833
Nebraska	14-2	.875	5-1	.833
Minnesota	13-3	.813	5-1	.833
PENN STATE	15-2	.882	4-2	.667
Wisconsin	12-4	.750	4-2	.667
Michigan	13-4	.765	3-3	.500
Michigan State	11-6	.647	3-3	.500
Northwestern	11-6	.647	3-3	.500
Indiana	12-6	.667	2-4	.333
Illinois	11-6	.647	2-4	.333
Iowa	10-9	.526	0-6	.000
Maryland	10-10	.500	0-6	.000
Rutgers	3-15	.167	0-6	.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 (10/9/14)
Northwestern	48-9	NU, 3-2 (10/10/14)
Purdue	51-6	PSU, 3-2 (10/17/14)
Indiana	48-1	PSU, 3-0 (10/18/14)
Michigan	46-3	PSU, 3-0 (11/19/14)
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)

WEEK 8: AVCA TOP 25 COACHES' POLL UPDATE

After splitting the third week of conference play, Penn State moved to No. 5 in the AVCA Top 25 Coaches' Poll. 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. Two additional teams (Michigan State, Northwestern) are 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.

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.

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AVCA TOP 25 COACHES' POLL

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NO.	SCHOOL	PTS.	REC.	LW
1	USC (63)	1599	18-0	1
2	Texas (1)	1531	15-1	2
3	Nebraska	1444	14-2	4
4	Washington	1418	15-1	6
5	PENN STATE	1280	15-2	3
6	Stanford	1205	10-4	7
7	Ohio State	1175	16-2	9
8	Hawai'i	1150	16-1	8
9	Kansas	1119	17-0	10
10	Arizona State	1000	15-2	5
11	Minnesota	978	13-3	11
12	UCLA	924	13-3	12
13	BYU	783	15-2	15
14	Arizona	712	13-5	14
15	Wisconsin	700	12-4	16
16	Illinois	633	11-6	13
17	Florida	557	11-4	17
T-18	Florida State	527	13-4	18
T-18	Purdue	527	15-2	19
20	Kentucky	436	12-5	20
21	Colorado State	362	13-3	21
22	Western Kentucky	205	19-2	23
23	Michigan	153	13-4	24
24	Oregon	62	9-6	25
25	Louisville	52	12-4	NR

RECEIVING VOTES: San Diego 41; Ohio 35; Arkansas 31; Michigan State 27; Wyoming 23; North Carolina 22; Creighton 20; Long Beach State 19; Santa Clara 19; Arkansas State 11; Missouri 8; SMU 7; Northwestern 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

20-KILL & 20-DIG PERFORMANCES

MEGAN COURTNEY

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 179.0 - 79.5, averaging 3.09 blocks per set, which ranks fourth nationally and leads the conference. Individually, sophomore Haleigh Washington's 1.53 blocks per set ranks 11th nationally and second in the Big Ten. Sophomore Heidi Thelen's 1.16 blocks per set ranks second on the team and 10th in the league.

DEFENSIVELY SPEAKING

Penn State has limited its opponents to .139 hitting this season, which ranks first in the Big Ten standings and seventh nationally. PSU has held nine opponents to .097 or lower hitting efficiency. The Nittany Lions have limited four squads to hitting clips between .210-.267. Only Stanford (.267) and Iowa (.283) have hit .250 or better against the Nittany Lions. At the Golden Dome Invitational, Penn State held back-to-back teams to negative team hitting clips. Eastern Kentucky hit -.012, while Mississippi State hit -.010.

HERE COME THE BROOMS

Penn State has earned 13 of its 15 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.

OPTIONS ON OFFENSE

Redshirt freshman setter Bryanna Weiskircher has directed the Nittany Lions to a .291 hitting percentage, which ranks seventh nationally and second in the Big Ten. Weiskircher has also paced three of her top attackers to .258 or better hitting, led by sophomore Haleigh Washington's .454 hitting clip, which ranks third nationally and leads the Big Ten conference.

Redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney's .327 hitting percentage is second on the team and 11th in the conference, while senior Megan Courtney's .258 clip is fourth on the team. Averaging 3.26 kills per set, Courtney has had double-doubles (kills/digs) in each of the last six straight matches. Whitney's averaging 3.09 kills per set with double digit kills in eight of the last nine matches.

PROTECT THIS HOUSE

Including an 8-1 mark in 2015, Penn State owns a 572-32 (.947) all-time record at home in Rec Hall. After splitting the most recent week at home, Penn State is 261-18 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.	1,036/1,038	Megan Courtney, 2012-Pres.*

* 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
200 kills	Simone Lee	19
400 kills	Haleigh Washington	37
600 kills	Ali Frantti	59
800 kills	Aiyana Whitney	94
1,100 kills	Megan Courtney	64

BLOCKS

MILESTONE	NAME	# TO GO
200 blocks	Aiyana Whitney	15
	Haleigh Washington	15
400 blocks	Megan Courtney	60

DIGS

MILESTONE	NAME	# TO GO
100 digs	Aiyana Whitney	13
	Lainy Pierce	76
200 digs	Keeton Holcomb	4
	Kendall Pierce	80
300 digs	Ali Frantti	44
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.	3.01	Ali Frantti, 2014-Pres.
16.	2.97	Marcia Leap, 1982-85
17.	2.96	Noelle Zientara, 1987-90

HITTING PERCENTAGE

#	RECORD	NAME
1.	.459	Haleigh Washington, 2014-Pres.
2.	.468	Arielle Wilson, 2007-10
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.	.311	Aiyana Whitney, 2011-Pres.

STREAKING!

Penn State holds the top three 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 two 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)

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. 21	at Michigan	BTN - live
Oct. 30	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.

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 OPPONENTS

PENN STATE VS. INDIANA

Series: Penn State leads 48-1

Last Three

Date	Site	Result
10/18/2014	A	PSU, 3-0
11/9/2013	H	PSU, 3-0
10/3/2013	A	PSU, 3-0

By the Numbers

At Penn State.....	PSU, 24-0
At Indiana.....	PSU, 23-1
At neutral sites	PSU, 1-0
Current streak	PSU, W8

Tale of the Tape

PSU	Stat	IND
15-2.....	2015 Record	12-6
13.40	K/S	13.23
.291.....	Hitting %.....	.209
14.31	D/S	12.59
3.09.....	B/S	1.86
1.14.....	SA/S	1.49

LAST TIME OUT

Oct. 18, 2014 - (25-11, 25-19, 25-15)

PSU 3, IND 0 - Bloomington, Ind. - University Gym

Then-No. 7 Penn State topped Indiana 3-0 on the road at University Gym.

Six Nittany Lions recorded five or more kills in the victory, led by Megan Courtney, who posted a team-high nine kills on .500 hitting. Nia Grant and Haleigh Washington finished close behind with eight kills apiece, hitting at least .700 or better. Grant also anchored the blocking unit with five blocks, while Washington finished tied for second with three.

PENN STATE VS. PURDUE

Series: Penn State leads, 51-6

Last Three

Date	Site	Result
10/17/2014	A	PSU, 3-2
11/8/2013	H	PSU, 3-0
10/5/2013	A	PSU, 3-2

By the Numbers

At Penn State.....	PSU, 25-0
At Purdue	PSU, 24-3
At neutral sites	PUR, 3-2
Current streak	PSU, W8

Tale of the Tape

PSU	Stat	PUR
15-2.....	2015 Record	15-2
13.40	K/S	14.15
.291.....	Hitting %.....	.262
14.31	D/S	14.96
3.09.....	B/S	2.65
1.14.....	SA/S	0.79

LAST TIME OUT

Oct. 17, 2014 - (26-24, 23-25, 22-25, 25-23, 15-9)

PSU 3, PUR 2 - West Lafayette, Ind. - Holloway Gym

Helped out by three double-digit kill performances, then-No. 7 Penn State handed Purdue its first conference loss in five sets on the road.

Aiyana Whitney led the team with a career-high 18 kills. Ali Frantti followed close behind with 16 kills, adding seven digs. Five recorded at least three blocks in the win, led by a career-high eight blocks from Haleigh Washington. Megan Courtney finished second with five blocks, while also tallying 14 digs.

NITTANY LION STARTERS ALL-TIME VS. INDIANA AND PURDUE

vs. Indiana	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	%	D/S	B/S
M. Courtney	16-5	44	2.75	7	87	.425	1.62	0.69

HIGHS: Had 13 kills and 11 digs on the road at IU Oct. 3, 2013 ... Posted a series-high four blocks against Indiana Nov. 9, 2013 ... Had three blocks in the most recent outing at Indiana Oct. 18, 2014.

A. Whitney	8-4	11	1.38	2	30	.300	0.00	0.50
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HIGHS: Recorded seven kills and two blocks in the most recent meeting vs. the Hoosiers Oct. 18, 2014.

A. Frantti	3-1	5	1.67	1	16	.250	0.67	0.67
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HIGHS: Logged five kills, two digs and two blocks at Indiana Oct. 18, 2014.

H. Washington	3-1	8	2.67	1	10	.700	0.33	1.00
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HIGHS: Put away eight kills on .700 hitting, adding three digs at Indiana Oct. 18, 2014.

vs. Purdue	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	%	D/S	B/S
M. Courtney	20-5	35	1.75	15	101	.198	1.95	0.80

HIGHS: Tallied nine kills and had two solo stuffs against Purdue Oct. 12, 2012 ... Recorded 14 digs and five blocks in the most recent meeting between the two teams on the road at Purdue Oct. 17, 2014.

A. Whitney	7-2	20	2.86	9	50	.220	0.29	0.57
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HIGHS: Posted a career-high 18 kills in the most recent meeting Oct. 17, 2014, adding three blocks.

S. Lee	1-1	0	0.00	0	1	.000	0.00	0.00
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HIGHS: Saw action on the road at Purdue last season, Oct. 17, 2014.

A. Frantti	5-1	16	3.20	8	48	.167	1.40	0.20
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HIGHS: Totaled 16 kills, seven digs, one ace and one block at Purdue last year, Oct. 17, 2014.

H. Washington	5-1	9	1.80	2	25	.280	0.00	1.60
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HIGHS: Recorded nine kills on .280 hitting, while also posting a team-high eight blocks in the most recent outing against the Boilermakers Oct. 17, 2014.

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.

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.

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.

FIRST TIME ON THE COURT

Four Nittany Lions made their collegiate debuts for Penn State in the opening weekend including, Bryanna Weiskircher, Keeton Holcomb, Wilma Rivera and Nia Reed. Weiskircher and Rivera each made their debuts at the setting position, while Holcomb earned a pair of starting libero spots against Stony Brook and Villanova. Reed made an appearance against Stony Brook.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Penn State hits the road next week, traveling to the state of Michigan for a pair of Big Ten conference matches. The Nittany Lions travel to Michigan for a midweek matchup Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. before visiting Michigan State Saturday, Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. Wednesday's match will broadcast live on the Big Ten Network.

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 (6 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)

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

Penn State is 43-5 (.896) all-time during the month of August, after notching a trio of victories against Buffalo, Stony Brook and Villanova in the first week of 2015.

Penn State is 379-57-4 (.866) all-time during the month of September. The Lions are 204-18 (.919) during September dating back to the 1995 season and 62-9 (.873) within the last six years.

PSU is 396-71 (.848) all-time during the month of October. Penn State has posted a 95-15 (.864) mark in October across the last 10 seasons, and a record of 60-7 (.896) in the last five years, without losing a match during the month from 2007 to 2010.

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.

QUICK SETS

From Oct. 16, 1996 to Nov. 9, 2001, Penn State won 139 consecutive matches when taking a 2-0 lead. Since joining the Big Ten in 1991, Penn State has played in 817 total matches, winning 753. Across the last seven years, Penn State has earned 189 of its 239 victories in three sets (79%), including 37-of-38 (98%) in 2008 and 32-of-38 in 2009 (84%).

In the last 15 years, the Lions have only lost 63 matches. And of those 22 teams that defeated the Lions – BYU, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Long Beach State, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Nebraska, Northwestern, Ohio State, Oregon, Oregon State, Purdue, USC, Stanford, Temple, Tennessee, Texas, UCLA, Washington and Wisconsin – only 10 of these teams (Nebraska, Northwestern, Stanford, Ohio State, Illinois, Wisconsin, UCLA, Minnesota, Michigan State and Florida) have been able to beat Penn State three times. The Lions have compiled a 296-62 mark in the last 15 years versus these teams.

vs. Michigan	29-2	vs. Stanford	7-6
vs. Northwestern	30-3	vs. MSU	27-3
vs. Wisconsin	27-6	vs. Ohio State	27-5
vs. Florida	4-3	vs. UCLA	5-3
vs. Nebraska	6-6	vs. Minnesota	28-6
vs. LBSU	0-1	vs. USC	2-1
vs. Illinois	27-6	vs. Temple	2-1
vs. BYU	4-1	vs. Tennessee	0-1
vs. Purdue	32-1	vs. Indiana	31-1
vs. Washington	0-1	vs. Texas	9-2
		vs. Oregon	0-2
		vs. Oregon State	0-1

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

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

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

Updated: Oct. 5, 2015

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

PENN STATE'S RECORD WHEN ...

Playing at home.....	8-1
Playing on the road.....	3-1
Playing at a neutral site.....	5-0
Current winning streak.....	N/A
Big Ten matches.....	4-2
Non-conference matches.....	11-0
In three-set matches.....	13-0
In four-set matches.....	1-0
In five-set matches.....	1-2
When winning the first set.....	15-1
When losing the first set.....	0-1
Hitting .300 +.....	11-0
Hitting .200 -.299.....	4-0
When winning the second set.....	15-2
When losing the second set.....	0-0
Out-hitting a team.....	14-0
Out-hit by a team.....	1-0
Playing a ranked team.....	5-1
Playing an unranked team.....	10-1
On TV.....	3-1
In August.....	3-0
In September.....	10-0
In October.....	2-2
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 - Haliagh 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 Illinois, 10/9/15 (25-16, 25-18, 24-26, 27-25)
Lost a match.....	at Northwestern, 10/10/15 (25-12, 26-24, 14-25, 20-25, 11-15)
Won at home.....	vs. Iowa, 10/3/15 (26-24, 25-16, 25-23)
Lost at home.....	vs. Nebraska, 10/2/15 (25-12, 26-24, 14-25, 20-25, 11-15)
Won 3-0 at home.....	vs. Iowa, 10/3/15 (26-24, 25-16, 25-23)
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 Illinois, 10/9/15 (25-16, 25-18, 24-26, 27-25)
Lost a match.....	at Northwestern, 10/10/15 (25-12, 26-24, 14-25, 20-25, 11-15)
Won at home.....	vs. Iowa, 10/3/15 (26-24, 25-16, 25-23)
Lost at home.....	vs. Nebraska, 10/2/15 (25-12, 26-24, 14-25, 20-25, 11-15)
Won 3-0 at home.....	vs. Iowa, 10/3/15 (26-24, 25-16, 25-23)
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 4,119 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 5,000-plus in each of the last three home matches.

	SCHOOL	TOTAL ATTEN.	AVG. ATTEN.	HOME DATES		SCHOOL	TOTAL ATTEN.	AVG. ATTEN.	HOME DATES
1	Nebraska	73,539	8,171	9	16	Wichita St.	17,226	2,153	8
2	Hawaii	102,567	6,838	15	17	Stanford	14,438	2,063	7
3	Wisconsin	30,573	4,368	7	18	UNC	14,057	2,008	7
4	PENN STATE	37,072	4,119	9	19	Kansas St.	9,994	1,999	5
5	Illinois	16,158	3,232	5	20	Creighton	21,806	1,817	12
6	Ohio	15,023	3,005	5	21	Louisville	14,526	1,816	8
7	Missouri	11,367	2,842	4	22	Kentucky	14,201	1,775	8
8	Iowa St.	19,042	2,720	7	23	BYU	7,052	1,763	4
9	Minnesota	13,143	2,629	5	24	Arizona St.	15,672	1,741	9
10	Purdue	23,610	2,623	9	25	Oregon	3,425	1,713	2
11	Michigan St.	14,908	2,485	6	26	UCLA	8,113	1,623	5
12	Texas	26,294	2,390	11	27	Washington	12,809	1,601	8
13	Florida	14,113	2,352	6	28	TCU	9,112	1,519	6
14	UNI	15,801	2,257	7	29	Ohio St.	10,354	1,479	7
15	Colorado St.	24,789	2,254	11	30	Oregon St.	4,393	1,464	3

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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:	3, 2x last - Bryanna Weiskircher vs. Iowa (10/3)	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:	2, 4x last - Haleigh Washington vs. Wisconsin (9/23).....	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:.....	368 (9-2-19) - Haleigh Washington at Northwestern (10/10).....	198 (65-30-177) - vs. Minnesota (9/26)
Assists:.....	54 - Bryanna Weiskircher vs. Minnesota (9/26)	61 - vs. Minnesota (9/26)
Aces:.....	2 - H. Washington and B. Weiskircher vs. Minnesota (9/26).....	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 - Haleigh Washington vs. Nebraska (10/2).....	24 - at Northwestern (10/10)
Total Blocks:	9 - Haleigh Washington vs. Nebraska (10/2).....	15.0 - vs. Nebraska (10/2)

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).....	121 - Villanova (8/29)
Attack Percentage:.....	482 (15-1-29) - Brittany Howard, Stanford (9/5).....	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, 2x last - Eastern Kentucky (9/12)
Block Assists:.....	4 - Sam Fry, Notre Dame (9/12)	14 - Notre Dame (9/12)
Total Blocks:	4, 2x last - Sam Fry, Notre Dame (9/12)	7.0, 2x last - Notre Dame (9/12)

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).....	216 (60-23-171) - Minnesota (9/26)
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 - P. Tapp, A. Goehner, and M. Lohman, Minnesota (9/26)	3 - Minnesota (9/26)
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	58	155	2.67	28	280	.454	2	0.03	16	34	0.28	0	31	0.53	14	75	89	1.53	8	1	222.5
14	Whitney,Aiyana	58	179	3.09	51	392	.327	2	0.03	0	0	0.00	0	23	0.40	4	46	50	0.86	2	0	206.0
6	Reed,Nia	4	3	0.75	1	7	.286	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	3.0
19	Thelen,Heidi	43	28	0.65	10	69	.261	8	0.19	0	0	0.00	0	9	0.21	6	44	50	1.16	6	0	56.0
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
5	Frantti,Ali	58	150	2.59	57	390	.238	9	0.16	1	8	0.02	16	97	1.67	3	14	17	0.29	2	0	161.0
22	Lee,Simone	33	46	1.39	21	120	.208	1	0.03	1	1	0.03	0	8	0.24	0	16	16	0.48	0	2	55.0
21	Weiskircher,Bryanna	58	27	0.47	11	77	.208	605	10.43	17	19	0.29	2	131	2.26	2	30	32	0.55	8	6	61.0
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	40	0	0.00	0	0	.000	4	0.10	7	5	0.17	0	43	1.08	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	7.0
12	Holcomb,Keeton	57	0	0.00	0	1	.000	34	0.60	4	9	0.07	17	196	3.44	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	16	0	0.00	0	2	.000	0	0.00	1	1	0.06	0	5	0.31	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
2	Caraway,Lara	10	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	3	0.00	0	3	0.30	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
3	Pierce,Kendall	46	0	0.00	1	2	-.500	5	0.11	5	2	0.11	3	45	0.98	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	5.0
	PENN STATE	58	777	13.40	231	1874	.291	721	12.43	66	103	1.14	49	830	14.31	46	266	179.0	3.09	30	10	1022.0
	Opponents	58	656	11.31	379	1989	.139	624	10.76	49	124	0.84	66	780	13.45	10	161	90.5	1.56	32	13	795.5

TEAM STATISTICS

Team Statistics	PSU	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	777	656
Errors	231	379
Total Attacks	1874	1989
Attack Pct	.291	.139
Kills/Set	13.4	11.3
SET		
Assists	721	624
Attempts	1813	1984
Assist Pct	.398	.315
Assists/Set	12.4	10.8
SERVE		
Aces	66	49
Errors	103	124
Attempts	1365	1073
Serve Pct	.925	.884
Aces/Set	1.1	0.8
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	49	66
Errors/Set	0.8	1.1
Attempts	949	1261
Reception Pct	.948	.948
DEFENSE		
Digs	830	780
Digs/Set	14.3	13.4
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	46	10
Block Assist	266	161
Total Blocks	179.0	90.5
Blocks/Set	3.1	1.6
Block Errors	30	32
Ball handling errors	10	13
ATTENDANCE		
Total	37072	8870
Dates/Avg Per Date	9/4119	4/2218
Neutral site #/Avg	4/284	
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	1	-

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

% 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

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			

TOTALS (INCLUDING TIES)

Whitney - 4	Courtney - 11	Weiskircher - 3	Weiskircher - 17	Holcomb - 8	Thelen - 6
Courtney - 9	Frantti - 6	Courtney - 1		Courtney - 8	Washington - 12
Frantti - 4	Whitney - 1	Muller - 1		Weiskircher - 1	Lee - 1
Washington - 2		Washington - 4			
Lee - 1		Krause - 1			
		K. Pierce - 1			
		Rivera - 1			
		Holcomb - 1			



AIYANA WHITNEY

REDSHIRT SENIOR | OH
NORWOOD, N.J.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS » Opened the year with 11 kills on .400 hitting against Buffalo (8/28) ... Had 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 against USF (9/19) ... Recorded double figure kills with 10 against No. 16 Wisconsin (9/23) ... Put down 13 kills against No. 21 Minnesota (9/26) ... Tallied 14 kills on .333 hitting for her sixth consecutive match with double-digit kills 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).

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) ... Villanova Classic All-Tournament Team ... Penn State Alumni Classic MVP.

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

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
16 at Illinois (10/9)	Kills	18 vs. Purdue (10/17/14)
41 vs. Minnesota (9/26)	Attacks	44 at Purdue (10/17/14)
.500 (11-2-18) vs. St John's (9/19)	Hitting Percentage	1.000 (9-0-9) vs. William & Mary (8/30/14)
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)
5, 2x last at Northwestern (10/9)	Blocks	7 vs. Northwestern (10/8/14)

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	58-17	179	3.09	51	392	.327	2	0.03	0	0.03	23	0.40	4	46	50	0.86
CAREER	281-101	706	2.51	223	1552	.311	8	0.03	3	0.01	87	0.31	11	174	185	0.66

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).

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

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).

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)
2 vs. Auburn (9/18)	Digs	2, 4x last vs. Auburn (9/18/15)
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	10-9	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.30	0	0	0	0.00
CAREER	74-59	0	0.00	0	1	.000	3	0.04	5	0.07	21	0.28	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).

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

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	46-17	0	0.00	1	2	-.500	5	0.11	5	0.11	45	0.98	0	0	0	0.00
CAREER	237-106	1	0.00	1	4	.000	10	0.04	25	0.11	120	0.51	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. EKU (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

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, 4x last at Illinois (10/9)	Assists	1, 4x last at Illinois (10/9/15)
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	40-16	0	0.00	0	0	.000	4	0.10	7	0.17	43	1.08	0	0	0	0.00
CAREER	79-46	1	0.01	0	1	1.000	4	0.05	8	0.10	56	0.71	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).

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

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 vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	Blocks	9 vs. Stony Brook (8/29/15)

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	43-15	28	0.65	10	69	.261	8	0.19	0	0.00	9	0.21	6	44	50	1.16
CAREER	52-21	38	0.73	12	91	.286	8	0.15	0	0.00	10	0.19	7	50	57	1.10

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).

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 during her rookie season in the Blue and White ... Her 391 kills closed out the year ranked ninth in the Big Ten final 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) ... Ranked first on the team with a match-high 19 kills at No. 8 Nebraska (10/3) ... Posted 10 kills, six digs and a match-high mark with two aces at Iowa (10/4) ... Ranked second on the team with 13 kills against No. 15 Illinois (10/11), adding a season-high three aces ... Posted double-digit kills at No. 14 Purdue (10/17), adding seven digs ... 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 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

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, 8x last at Illinois (10/9)	Assists	3 vs. Eastern Illinois (9/19/14)
1 vs. Notre Dame (9/12)	Aces	3 vs. Illinois (10/11/14)
12 vs. Villanova (8/29)	Digs	12 vs. Villanova (8/29/15)
2, 4x last at Northwestern (10/10)	Blocks	5 at Ohio State (10/31/14)

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	58-17	150	2.59	57	390	.238	9	0.16	1	0.02	97	1.67	3	14	17	0.29
CAREER	180-56	541	3.01	170	1288	.288	30	0.17	29	0.16	256	1.42	13	62	75	0.42



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 one 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.

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

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)
.351 (7-1-17) vs. Iowa (10/23)	Hitting Percentage	.351 (7-1-17) vs. Iowa (10/23/15)
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	33-14	46	1.39	21	120	.208	1	0.03	1	0.03	8	0.24	0	16	16	0.48
CAREER	97-40	181	1.87	74	470	.228	2	0.02	1	0.01	36	0.37	5	36	41	0.42

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).

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

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	13-5	0	0.00	0	2	.000	0	0.00	1	0.08	3	0.23	0	0	0	0.00
CAREER	74-35	0	0.00	0	3	.000	4	0.05	12	0.16	22	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 on .846 hitting against Auburn (9/18) ... Logged her first career double figure blocking performance with 11 vs. St. John's (9/19) ... Posted 10 kills on .750 hitting at USF (9/19) ... Had 11 kills on .786 hitting against No. 16 Wisconsin (9/23), leading the team with three digs and five blocks ... Recorded a season-high 13 kills against No. 21 Minnesota (9/26) ... Led the team with nine blocks and put down 11 kills against No. 4 Nebraska (10/2) ... Recorded 11 kills against Iowa (10/3) ... Led the team with seven blocks and posted 11 kills at No. 13 Illinois (10/9) ... Tallied nine kills and a team-high eight blocks at Northwestern (10/10).

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 » Made 25 appearances on the court in her rookie season ... Her .463 hitting clip finished first on the team, while her 2.63 kills per set ranked third ... 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) ... Notched double digit kills against Iowa (11/12) ... 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 NCAA regional semifinals against UCLA (12/12) ... Put down 10 kills and five blocks in the NCAA regional finals against Wisconsin (12/13) ... Posted four blocks in the NCAA 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 Aleks ... Has one brother, Kayden and one sister, Leilani ... Names "Orange is the New Black" as favorite TV show, 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

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
13 vs. Minnesota (9/26)	Kills	14 at Illinois (10/11/14)
29 vs. Nebraska (10/2)	Attacks	29 vs. Nebraska (10/2/15)
.846 (11-0-13) vs. Auburn (9/18)	Hitting Percentage	.900 (9-0-10) - vs. Siena (12/5/14))
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	58-17	155	2.67	28	280	.454	2	0.03	16	0.28	31	0.53	14	75	89	1.53
CAREER	138-44	363	2.63	65	649	.459	7	0.05	16	0.12	54	0.39	31	154	185	1.34

2015 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



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

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).

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
	4-3	3	0.75	1	7	.286	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00



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.

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 season 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

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
	58-17	27	0.47	11	77	.208	605	10.43	17	0.29	131	2.26	2	30	32	0.55

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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.

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

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
	57-17	0	0.00	0	1	.000	34	0.60	4	0.07	196	3.44	0	0	0	0.00

2015 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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									1						-
	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 Niedospial	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:

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. - 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.