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2011 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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30 NCAA Tournament Appearances • 14 Big Ten Titles

No. 5 Penn State (7-3, 0-0 Big Ten)



Sept. 21
Penn State at No. 10 Nebraska
8 p.m. ET
NU Coliseum



Sept. 24
Penn State at Iowa
8 p.m. ET
Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Nittany Lion Preview

The four-time defending national champion Penn State women's volleyball team opens the Big Ten slate this week with matches at No. 10 Nebraska and Iowa. The Nittany Lions travels to Nebraska on Wednesday, Sept. 21 before heading to visit the Hawkeyes on Sept. 24. Both matches are set for 8 p.m. ET.

The Nittany Lions improved to 7-3 overall after going 3-0 in the Hampton Inn Classic held at Rec Hall on Sept. 16-17. Penn State swept both Long Island and Rutgers before defeating Florida Gulf Coast, 3-1. Sophomore Ariel Scott led the team offensively averaging 3.40 kills per set, while sophomore Katie Slay was second on the team with 2.70 kps. Freshman setter Micha Hancock paced the offense with 9.20 assists per set. In addition she had a team-high 0.70 aces per set and 2.80 digs per set. Sophomore libero Ali Longo was second behind Hancock with 2.70 digs per set. Slay was unbeatable at the net with 1.90 blocks per set, while freshman Nia Grant and Hancock each averaged 0.90 blocks per set.

For the weekend, Penn State hit .345 as a team and averaged 13.70 kills per set, 12.00 assists per set, 2.10 aces per set, 11.30 digs per set and 3.20 blocks per set.

Penn State vs. Nebraska

Nebraska leads the series with Penn State 11-6. The Nittany Lions have won four of the last six meetings, including the most recent on Dec. 18, 2008 in the NCAA National Semifinals. Five of Penn State's six wins vs. Nebraska have been on a neutral court.

Scouting the Huskers

No. 10 Nebraska owns a 7-1 record this season. The Huskers returned five starters, including two AVCA All-Americans from the 2010 squad. Nebraska's only loss this season was to Colorado State on Sept. 2 and the Huskers have won five matches since, including sweeping nationally-ranked Iowa State on Sept. 17.

Penn State vs. Iowa

The Nittany Lions are 40-0 all-time against the Hawkeyes and have swept Iowa in all but six matches. Last season defeated the Hawkeyes on Oct. 16 (25-16, 25-22, 25-19) and against on Nov. 26 (25-18, 25-13, 25-20).

Scouting the Hawkeyes

Iowa owns a 10-3 record in 2011. Iowa's losses came early on against Saint Louis (3-2), Marquette (3-1) and Iowa State (3-0). The Hawkeyes are on a seven-match winning streak heading into Big Ten play. Iowa faces Ohio State on Sept. 23 before meeting Penn State on Sept. 24.

2011 Schedule

August

26-27 AVCA Showcase

26 vs. Oregon# L, 3-1
27 vs. No. 2 USC# W, 3-2

September

2-3 University of Pittsburgh Invitational

2 vs. Miami (Ohio) W, 3-0
2 at Pittsburgh W, 3-0
3 vs. New Hampshire W, 3-0

9-10 Nike Big Four Volleyball Classic

9 at No. 3 Stanford L, 3-1
10 vs. No. 10 Texas L, 3-2

16-17 Penn State Classic

16 vs. Long Island W, 3-0
17 vs. Rutgers W, 3-0
17 vs. Florida Gulf Coast W, 3-1
21 at No. 10 Nebraska*# 8 p.m.
24 at Iowa* 8 p.m.
30 vs. Wisconsin* 7 p.m.

October

1 vs. Minnesota*# 6 p.m.
5 vs. Northwestern*# 8 p.m.
8 vs. Illinois*# 7 p.m.
14 at Purdue* 7 p.m.
15 at Indiana* 7 p.m.
19 vs. Ohio State* 7 p.m.
22 vs. Michigan*# 7 p.m.
28 vs. Iowa* 7 p.m.
29 vs. Nebraska*# 8 p.m.

November

4 at Minnesota*# 9 p.m.
6 at Wisconsin* 2 p.m.
11 at Illinois* 8 p.m.
12 at Northwestern* 8 p.m.
18 vs. Indiana* 7 p.m.
19 vs. Purdue* 7 p.m.
23 at Ohio State* 7 p.m.
26 at Michigan State* TBA

December

2 NCAA First Round Campus Sites
3 NCAA Second Round Campus Sites
9 NCAA Regional Semis TBA
10 NCAA Regional Championships TBA
15 NCAA Nat'l Semifinals San Antonio, Texas
17 NCAA Nat'l Final San Antonio, Texas

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

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Quick Facts

The University

Location: University Park, Pa. 16802
 Founded: 1855
 Enrollment: 44,112
 Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Nittany Lions
 Conference: Big Ten
 President: Dr. Graham Spanier
 Director of Athletics: Tim Curley
 Assoc. A.D./SWA Charmelle Green
 Facility (capacity): Rec Hall (5,812)

Volleyball Staff

Head Coach: Russ Rose (33rd season)
 Alma Mater: George Williams, 1975
 Overall Record (Yrs/Pct): 1,033-164 (32/.863)
 School Record: same
 Asst. Coaches: Dennis Hohenshelt (6th season)
 Kaleena Davidson (3rd season)
 Dir. of VB Operations: Adam Hughes (2nd season)
 Office Phone: (814) 863-7475 or (814) 863-7474
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Season in Review

2010 Record: 32-5
 Home: 20-0 Away: 8-5
 Neutral: 4-1
 Big Ten record (finish): 16-4 (1st)
 Home: 10-0 Away: 6-4
 Final AVCA Ranking: No. 1
 Postseason Play: NCAA National Champions
 First Round: def. Niagara, 3-0
 Second Round: def. Virginia Tech, 3-0
 Regional Semifinal: def. Oklahoma, 3-0
 Regional Final: def. Duke, 3-1
 National Semifinal: def. Texas, 3-0
 National Final: def. California, 3-0

The History

First Year of Volleyball: 1976
 All-Time Record (Years): 1,084-207-4 (35)
 All-Time Big Ten Record: 353-47
 Years/Win Pct.: 20/.883
 Big Ten Titles: (14) '92, '93, '96, '97, '98, '99, '03,
 '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10
 NCAA Tournament Appearances: 30
 NCAA Tournament Record: 73-25
 NCAA National Championships: 1999, 2007
 2008, 2009, 2010

2011 Penn State Roster

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School
1	Ariel Scott	So.	MH	6-4	Ridgewood, N.J./Immaculate Heart
2	Katie Kabbes	Sr.	OH	6-4	Raleigh, N.C./Cardinal Gibbons
4	Dominique Gonzalez	Fr.	DS	5-6	San Antonio, Texas/Sandra Day O'Connor
5	Kristin Carpenter	Jr.	S/DS	5-6	Mechanicsville, Va./Hanover
6	Maddie Martin	So.	OH	6-2	Tampa, Fla./H.B. Plant
7	Nia Grant	Fr.	OH	6-2	Warren, Ohio/Howland
8	Erica Denney	RS-Fr.	MH	6-3	Aurora, Colo./Grandview
10	Marika Racisbarskas	Jr.	S	6-0	Chatham, N.J./Chatham
11	Darcy Dorton	RS-So.	OH	6-2	Muncie, Ind./Delta
12	Micha Hancock	S	Fr.	5-11	Edmond, Okla./Edmond Memorial
13	Megan Shifflett	Sr.	DS/S	5-6	Falls Church, Va./Langley
14	Aiyana Whitney	Fr.	OH	6-4	Norwood, N.J./Northern Valley Regional
15	Maggie Harding	RS-Fr.	DS	5-6	State College, Pa./State College Area
16	Katie Slay	So.	MH	6-6	Raleigh, N.C./Wakefield
18	Deja McClendon	So.	OH	6-1	Louisville, Ky./DuPont Manuel Magnet
23	Ali Longo	So.	DS	5-6	Littleton, Colo./Chatfield
33	Lacey Fuller	Fr.	DS	5-6	San Diego, Calif./Torrey Pines

Head Coach: Russ Rose (George Williams, 1975), 33rd year

Assistant Coaches: Dennis Hohenshelt (Juniata, 1993), 6th year
 Kaleena Davidson (Penn State, 2006), 3rd year

Director of VB Opps: Adam Hughes (Penn State, 2006), 2nd year

Trainer: Kelly Saxton (East Carolina, 2006), 3rd year

Vol. Assistant Coach: Adam Jarrett

Pronunciations

Aiyana.....	l-yahn-uh	Marika.....	Ma-REE-ka
Ariel Air-ee-el.....	Megan	Mee-gan	
Hohenshelt.....	HO-en-shelt	Micha.....	Mike-uh
Kabbes.....	CAB-es	Nia.....	Nee-uh
Kaleena.....	KA-lee-na	Racibarskas.....	Rass-i-bars-kus
Lacey.....	Lace-ee	Shifflett.....	Shiff-lett

Penn State Recap

The Nittany Lions are now 7-3 overall after going 3-0 in the Hampton Inn Classic Sept. 16-17. Penn State defeated Long Island, Rutgers and Florida Gulf Coast. Sophomore Ariel Scott led the team with 34 kills, while sophomores Katie Slay and Deja McClendon posted 27 and 25, respectively. Freshman Micha Hancock tallied 92 assists and a team-best seven aces and 28 digs. Slay was a wall at the net with 19 total blocks.

What's Next?

The Nittany Lions continue conference play on Sept. 30 against Wisconsin followed by Minnesota on Oct. 1. Both matches will be played at Rec Hall.

The Statistical Story

Here are last week's numbers for Penn State and its two opponents this week.

	Penn State	Nebraska	Iowa
Hitting %	.283	.274	.194
Kills per set	13.08	13.50	12.44
Assists per set	11.89	12.63	11.50
Aces per set	1.86	0.90	1.40
Digs per set	12.27	14.23	15.14
Blocks per set	2.65	2.82	2.22



2011 Big Ten Standings

Team	Conf.			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Michigan	0	0	1.000	12	0	1.000
Illinois	0	0	.000	11	0	1.000
Purdue	0	0	.000	11	0	1.000
Michigan St.	0	0	.000	11	0	.917
Nebraska	0	0	.000	7	1	.875
Northwestern	0	0	.000	9	2	.818
Minnesota	0	0	.000	7	2	.778
Iowa	0	0	.000	10	3	.769
Ohio State	0	0	.000	10	3	.769
Penn State	0	0	.000	7	3	.700
Indiana	0	0	.000	8	4	.667
Wisconsin	0	0	.000	8	4	.667

Big Ten Players of the Week (POW/DPOW)

Aug. 29S. Holthus, NU/J. Chin, NU
 Sept. 5M. Bartsch, ILL/J. Granquist, MINN
 Sept. 12 M. Hole, OSU/C. Cox, IND & S. Mignin, OSU
 Sept. 19 A. Wittman, MINN/S. Mignin, OSU & K. Slay, PSU

Big Ten Freshman of the Week

Aug. 29K. Jones, PUR
 Sept. 5L. Dannemiller, MICH
 Sept. 12 L. Dannemiller, MICH
 Sept. 19T. Sherwin, OSU

This Week in the Big Ten

Sept. 21

Penn State at Nebraska (8 pm)

Sept. 23

Michigan at Indiana (7 pm)
 Illinois at Minnesota (8 pm)
 Ohio State at Iowa (8 pm)
 Michigan State at Purdue (8 pm)
 Northwestern at Wisconsin (8 pm)

Sept. 24

Michigan State at Indiana (7 pm)
 Michigan at Purdue (7 pm)
 Penn State at Iowa (8 pm)
 Ohio State at Nebraska (8 pm)

Sept. 25

Illinois at Wisconsin (2 pm)
 Northwestern at Minnesota (2 pm)

Slay Named Co-Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week

Sophomore middle blocker Katie Slay (Raleigh, N.C.) was named this week's Big Ten Co-Defensive Player of the Week. This is the second honor of Slay's career. She shares the honor with Ohio State's Sarah Mignin.

The Hampton Inn Classic MVP, Slay averaged 1.90 blocks per set in three matches over the weekend as the Nittany Lions defeated Long Island, Rutgers and Florida Gulf Coast. Slay totaled 19 blocks for the weekend, including tying her personal best with 10 vs. FGCU. She also finished second on the team with 27 kills, averaging 2.70 kills per set on a team-best .561 hitting.

Ace!

The Nittany Lions rank 14th nationally and second in the Big Ten with 1.86 aces per set. Freshman Micha Hancock leads the Big Ten and ranks second in the nation with 0.81 aces per set. Against FGCU, the Nittany Lions totaled a program-best 11 aces (rally scoring-era only) including three from Hancock and two each from Kristin Carpenter, Ali Longo and Lacey Fuller.

Hampton Inn Classic All-Tournament Selections

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

Nike Big Four Volleyball Classic All-Tournament Accolades

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

Pittsburgh Invitational All-Tournament Team

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

AVCA Showcase All-Tournament Honors

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

Season Opening Record

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

Freshmen Debuts

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

AVCA Top 25 Poll #4 • Sept. 19, 2011

No.	School	Pts.	Rec.	LW
1	California (58)	1498	13-0	1
2	Stanford (1)	1424	8-1	2
3	Illinois (1)	1378	11-0	3
4	Washington	1226	9-1	4
5	Penn State	1160	7-3	5
6	Florida	1127	8-2	7
7	UCLA	1114	9-2	6
8	Texas	1032	6-3	8
9	Minnesota	1014	5-2	9
10	Nebraska	993	7-1	10
11	Hawaii	932	10-1	11
12	USC	877	7-3	13
13	Purdue	799	11-0	14
14	N. Iowa	708	12-1	15
15	Oregon	640	9-1	16
t-16	Iowa State	56	9-2	12
t-16	San Diego	586	13-0	17
18	Michigan	558	12-0	18
19	Pepperdine	318	6-5	21
20	Colorado State	254	6-3	19
t-21	LBSU	200	6-4	24
t-21	Miami	200	9-1	20
23	Florida State	175	7-4	NR
24	Ohio State	150	10-3	25
25	Oklahoma	122	13-3	22

Receiving Votes: Tennessee 79; Kansas 60; Kentucky 46; Western Kentucky 42; Duke 35; Wichita State 30; Arizona 26; UC Davis 25; Texas A&M 21; Dayton 12; Louisville 12; Tulsa 12; Missouri 10; St. Mary's 7; Bowling Green 6; Central Florida 4; Cincinnati 4; Northern Illinois 4;

Penn State in the poll:

Aug. 16: #1
 Aug. 29: #2
 Sept. 5 :#2
 Sept. 12: #5
 Sept. 19: #5
 Next Poll: Sept. 26

Nittany Lions Debut Atop AVCA Coaches Poll

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

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

Penn State Chosen as Preseason Favorite

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

The Rec Hall Advantage

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

Three Nittany Lions Earn Big Ten Preseason Honors

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

Big Ten Dominance

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

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

Leading Lions

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

Streaks

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

Top Five Consecutive Big Ten Win Streaks

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



Career Milestones

Several Nittany Lions are nearing career milestones in 2011:

Kristin Carpenter

- Has 1,429 assists. Needs 571 to reach 2,000.
- Has 407 digs. Needs 93 to reach 500.

Darcy Dorton

- Has 282 kills. Needs 218 to reach 500.

Katie Kabbes

- Has 179 kills. Needs 21 to reach 200.

Deja McClendon

- Has 555 kills. Needs 445 to reach 1,000.
- Has 104 blocks. Needs 96 to reach 200.
- Has 290 digs. Needs 210 to reach 500.

Ariel Scott

- Has 227 kills. Needs 273 to reach 500.

Katie Slay

- Has 137 kills. Needs 63 to reach 200.
- Has 132 blocks. Needs 68 to reach 200.

Career Leaders

Below are the career leaders in each statistical category:

Kills

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

Hitting Percentage

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

Digs

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

Total Blocks

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

Assists

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

Aces

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

Penn State in the top 10 Big Ten Stats (as of Sept. 19, 2011)

Category	All Matches	Rank (leader)	Conf. Only	Rank (leader)
Hitting Pct.	283	6th (MSU - .334)		
	<i>Katie Slay</i>	428	1st	
Opp. Hitting Pct.	149	6th		
Assists Per Set	11.89	11th (OSU - 13.98)		
	<i>Micha Hancock</i>	9.28	10th	
Kills Per Set	13.08	10th (MICH - 15.10)		
	<i>Deja McClendon</i>	3.70	9th	
Blocks Per Set	2.65	4th (MSU - 3.11)		
	<i>Katie Slay</i>	1.32	4th	
Service Aces Per Set	1.86	2nd (MICH - 2.07)		
	<i>Micha Hancock</i>	0.81	1st	
Digs Per Set	12.27	12th (OSU - 16.57)		

Penn State in the top 50 National Stats (as of Sept. 19, 2011)

Category	All Matches	Rank	Leader	Stats
Hitting Pct.	283	16th	Michigan St.	.344
	<i>Katie Slay</i>	428	H. Wilkinson, Miss. St.	.524
Opp. Hitting Pct.	188	11th		
Assists Per Set	11.89	N/A	N. Illinois	14.15
Kills Per Set	13.08	N/A	Michigan	15.10
Blocks Per Set	2.65	22nd	Syracuse	3.22
	<i>Katie Slay</i>	1.32	H. Hampton, LBSU	1.70
Service Aces Per Set	1.86	14th	Washington	2.10
	<i>Micha Hancock</i>	0.81	J. Myer, Belmont	0.87
Digs Per Set	12.27	N/A	Duquesne	19.57

NCAA Notes

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

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

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2011 Honors

Kristin Carpenter

Preseason All-Big Ten
Pittsburgh Invitational All-Tournament Team

Deja McClendon

Unanimous Preseason All-Big Ten
AVCA Showcase All-Tournament Team
Pittsburgh Invitational All-Tournament Team
Nike Big Four VB Classic All-Tournament Team

Katie Slay

Preseason All-Big Ten
Hampton Inn Classic MVP

Micha Hancock

AVCA Showcase All-Tournament Team
Pittsburgh Invitational MVP

Ariel Scott

Hampton Inn Classic All-Tournament Team

Ali Longo

Hampton Inn Classic All-Tournament Team

Nittany Lions By Month

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

Penn State is 348-53-4 (.864) all-time during the month of September. Amazingly, the Lions are 169-14 (.923) during September dating back to the 1995 season and 57-6 (.905) over the last five years.

The Lions are 371-66 (.849) all-time during the month of October. Penn State has posted a 78-12 (.867) mark in October over the last 10 seasons, a record of 42-3 (.933) in the last five years and did not lose a match during the month from 2007 to 2010 .

Penn State is 269-55 (.830) all-time during the month of November, including a 77-8 (.906) mark over the last 10 seasons. The Lions had a six-year streak from 1995-2000 where they did not lose a match in the month, and over the last eight seasons, Penn State has a 65-2 (.970) mark in November.

Quick Sets

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

- Over the last 15 years, the Lions have lost only 53 matches. And of those 20 teams that defeated the Lions – Brigham Young, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Long Beach State, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Nebraska, Northwestern, Ohio State, Oregon, Purdue, USC, Stanford, Temple, Tennessee, UCLA, Washington and Wisconsin – only nine of these teams (Nebraska, Stanford, Ohio State, Illinois, Wisconsin, UCLA, Minnesota, Florida and Michigan State,) have been able to beat Penn State a third time. The Lions have compiled a 243-52 (82%) mark in the last 15 years versus these teams.

vs. Michigan	29-2	vs. Stanford	6-7
vs. Northwestern	28-2	vs. Michigan State	27-3
vs. Wisconsin	25-6	vs. Ohio State	25-6
vs. Florida	4-3	vs. UCLA	3-3
vs. Nebraska	4-3	vs. Minnesota	25-6
vs. LBSU	0-1	vs. USC	1-1
vs. Illinois	28-3	vs. Temple	2-1
vs. Brigham Young	5-1	vs. Tennessee	0-1
vs. Purdue	30-1	vs. Indiana	28-1
vs. Washington	0-1	vs. Oregon	1-1

Penn State by the Numbers

5	Number of NCAA National Championships (1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010)
10	Number of "Fab 50" selections on the 2010 squad
14	Number of Big Ten titles in 20 seasons in the league
20	Number of Conference Players of the Year
30	Number of NCAA Tournaments Penn State has participated in, one of two schools to play in all 30.
34	Number of consecutive 20-win seasons
36	Seasons of Penn State women's volleyball, which started in 1976 under the direction of Tom Tait
68	Number of polls in which Penn State was ranked No. 1
65	Longest Big Ten winning streak recorded by the Nittany Lions from 11/11/06 to 9/24/10
94	Number of consecutive home match wins from 9/1/06 to 12/11/10
109	Number of consecutive matches wins between 9/21/07 to 9/11/10
134	Number of Academic All-Big Ten honorees in 20 years
215	Number of home match wins at Rec Hall in last 10 years
1,040	Number of wins by head coach Russ Rose in his 33rd season
1,091	Number of wins in Penn State women's volleyball history

1999, 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2010 NCAA Champions



RichKern.com Top 30

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No.	School
1	California
2	Stanford
3	Illinois
4	UCLA
5	Washington
6	Florida
7	Nebraska
8	Minnesota
9	Hawaii
10	PennState
11	Iowa State
12	Texas
13	Purdue
14	Michigan
15	USC
16	N. Iowa
17	Oregon
18	Miami
19	San Diego
20	Pepperdine
21	Colorado State
22	Oklahoma
23	Tennessee
24	Florida State
25	LBSU
26	Ohio State
27	Arizona
28	Texas A&M
29	Kansas
30	Duke

Volleyball Magazine Top 20

Poll #4 • Sept. 20, 2011

No.	School	Points	LW
1.	California (10)	200	1
2.	Stanford	183	2
3.	Illinois	182	3
4.	Florida	157	7
5.	Washington	150	4
6.	UCLA	144	5
7.	Penn State	134	6
8.	Nebraska	125	8
9.	Hawaii	121	10
10.	Minnesota	120	9
11.	Texas	118	11
12.	Purdue	85	13
13.	N. Iowa	78	16
14.	USC	76	14
15.	Oregon	65	15
16.	Iowa State	47	12
17.	San Diego	45	17
18.	Michigan	41	18
19.	Miami	9	20
20.	Pepperdine	8	RV

Receiving Votes: Oklahoma, Colorado State, Florida State, LBSU, Kentucky, Tennessee, North-ern Illinois, Ohio State

The Last Time a Lion...

Had 30 or more kills	31	- Nicole Fawcett vs. Cal Poly (8/31/07)
Had 10 or more blocks.....	10	- Katie Slay vs. FGCU (9/17/11)
Had five or more aces	6	- Micha Hancock vs. New Hampshire (9/3/11)
Had 25 or more digs.....	35	- Alyssa D'Errico at Minnesota (11/27/10)
Had 80 or more assists	82	- Samatha Spink vs. Illinois (11/24/95)
Hit .800 or better (min. 12 kills) ..	.929 (13-0-14)	A. Wilson vs. St. Francis (9/19/09)

The Last Time Penn State...

vs. Non-conference Opponents (regular-season matches)

Won a match	vs. FGCU, 9/17/11 (20-25, 25-11, 25-17, 25-11)
Lost a match	vs. Texas, 9/10/11 (23-25, 20-25, 25-19, 25-14, 10-15)
Won a match	vs. FGCU, 9/17/11 (20-25, 25-11, 25-17, 25-11)
Lost at home	vs. Oregon, 8/26/11 (25-16, 25-21, 25-20, 25-22)
Won 3-0 at home.....	vs. Rutgers, 9/17/11 (25-12, 25-17, 25-14)
Lost 3-0 at home.....	vs. UC-Santa Barbara, 9/18/86 (1-15, 7-15, 13-15)
Won 3-0 on the road	vs. New Hampshire, 9/3/11 (25-14, 25-11, 25-11)
Lost 3-0 on the road.....	vs. Stanford, 9/11/10 (26-28, 12-25, 18-25)

vs. Big Ten Opponents (regular-season matches)

Won a match	at Iowa, 11/26/10 (25-18, 25-13, 25-20)
Lost a match	at Minnesota, 11/27/10 (25-14, 25-21, 24-26, 23-25, 21-23)
Won at home	vs. Northwestern, 11/19/10 (25-20, 25-19, 25-20)
Lost at home	vs. Ohio State, 10/20/04 (25-30, 30-22, 26-30, 30-26, 11-15)
Won 3-0 at home.....	vs. Northwestern, 11/19/10 (25-20, 25-19, 25-20)
Lost 3-0 at home.....	vs. Minnesota, 10/18/03 (26-30, 18-30, 21-30)
Won 3-0 on the road	at Iowa, 11/26/10 (25-18, 25-13, 25-20)
Lost 3-0 on the road.....	at Ohio State, 11/8/06 (19-30, 26-30, 21-30)

All Matches

Won a match	vs. FGCU, 9/17/11 (20-25, 25-11, 25-17, 25-11)
Lost a match	vs. Texas, 9/10/11 (23-25, 20-25, 25-19, 25-14, 10-15)
Won a match	vs. FGCU, 9/17/11 (20-25, 25-11, 25-17, 25-11)
Lost at home	vs. Oregon, 8/26/11 (25-16, 25-21, 25-20, 25-22)
Won 3-0 at home.....	vs. Rutgers, 9/17/11 (25-12, 25-17, 25-14)
Lost 3-0 at home.....	vs. Indiana, 10/29/10 (25-17, 25-18, 25-22)
Won a match	vs. New Hampshire, 9/3/11 (25-14, 25-11, 25-11)
Lost 3-0 on the road.....	vs. Stanford, 9/11/10 (26-28, 12-25, 18-25)

Packing Rec Hall Once Again

As usual, Penn State is among the national leaders in attendance in 2011. The Nittany Lions rank third in the country averaging 3,703 fans per match so far this season. Hawaii sits in first place, while USC ranks second.

School	Average Attend.	Total Attend.	Home Dates	School	Average Attend.	Total Attend.	Home Dates
1. Hawaii	6,659	73,244	11	16. Washington	2,089	8,354	4
2. USC	5,385	5,385	1	17. Illinois	1,761	8,804	5
3. Minnesota	4,924	9,848	2	18. Iowa St.	1,743	5,228	3
4. Nebraska	4,066	12,196	3	19. Cal Poly	1,705	1,705	1
5. Penn State	3,703	18,515	5	20. TCU	1,686	6,742	4
6. Florida	3,213	22,488	7	21. Kansas St.	1,544	6,176	4
7. Wisconsin	3,051	9,152	3	22. Ohio	1,461	4,383	3
8. Colorado St.	2,997	11,986	4	23. Texas A&M	1,434	4,301	3
9. Missouri	2,736	5,471	2	24. BYU	1,416	7,082	5
10. N. Mexico	2,438	9,751	4	25. Duke	1,374	6,868	5
11. UNI	2,391	16,737	7	26. Dayton	1,366	4,097	3
12. Purdue	2,185	13,109	6	27. N. Mex. St.	1,323	5,292	4
13. Wichita St.	2,180	6,541	3	28. Michigan	1,308	3,924	3
14. Stanford	2,128	12,767	6	29. LSU	1,132	4,528	4
15. Texas	2,105	10,524	5	30. Bowl. Green	1,111	3,333	3

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Head Coach Russ Rose

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

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

1,106	Andy Banachowski, UCLA (ret.) (43 yrs)
1,045	Dave Shoji, Hawaii (36 yrs)
1,033	Russ Rose, Penn State (32 yrs)
892	Mike Hebert, Minnesota (ret.) (35 yrs)
886	Elaine Michaelis, BYU (ret.) (33 yrs)
847	Kathy Gregory, UCSB (36 yrs)
834	Shelton Collier, Wingate (30 yrs)
828	Debby Colberg, Sacramento St. (ret.) (32 yrs)
809	Marilyn Nolen, Sul Ross St. (ret.) (32 yrs)

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

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

Rose at a Glance

- 1999, 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2010 NCAA National Champions
- 2007 inductee into the AVCA Hall of Fame
- 2005 USA Volleyball All-Time Great Coach
- 2000 USOC Volleyball Coach of the Year
- 1997, '99, 2007 & '08 AVCA National Coach of the Year
- 12-time Big Ten Coach of the Year ('92, '93, '96, '97 (co), '98, '03 (co), '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10)
- 14 Big Ten Conference Championships ('92, '93, '96, '97, '98, '99, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10)
- 31 All-Americans earning 68 honors
- Has led Penn State to 30 consecutive NCAA Tournaments (one of two schools to do so)
- 2010 National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame inductee
- 2010 USAV Leader in Volleyball
- Eight straight Atlantic 10 titles

Match-By-Match Starting Lineups

Date	Opp.	W/L	Score	Setter	Opp.	OH	OH	MB	MB	L
8/26	Oregon	L	3-1	Carpenter	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Kabbes	Longo
8/27	USC	W	3-2	Hancock	Kabbes	McClendon	Scott	Slay	Grant	Carpenter
9/2	Miami	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Carpenter
9/2	Pittsburgh	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Carpenter
9/3	UNH	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Carpenter
9/9	Stanford	L	3-1	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Carpenter
9/10	Texas	L	3-2	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Carpenter
9/16	LIU	W	3-0	Hancock	Kabbes	McClendon	Scott	Slay	Grant	Carpenter
9/17	Rutgers	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
9/17	FGCU	W	3-1	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo

Nittany Lion Airtime

Can't follow your Nittany Lions on the road or make it to every home match? As one of the nation's top volleyball programs, Penn State has earned regional and national exposure. This year, the Nittany Lions will be on television at least nine times between the Big Ten Network and ESPN. All other matches will be streamed live on GoPSUsports.com via All-Access or on BigTenNetwork.com. All schools will provide live scoring via the web, as well.

Nittany Lion Television Schedule

Date	Opponent	Air Time
Aug. 26	Oregon	BTN - live
Aug. 27	USC	BTN - live
Sept. 21	Nebraska	BTN - live
Oct. 1	Minnesota	BTN - live
Oct. 5	Northwestern	BTN - live
Oct. 8	Illinois	BTN - tape delay until Oct. 10
Oct. 22	Michigan	ESPN2 - tape delay until Oct. 23
Oct. 29	Nebraska	BTN - live
Nov. 4	Minnesota	BTN - live

Preseason Conference Poll and All-Big Ten Selections

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

2011 Preseason All-Big Ten

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

* - unanimous selection

2011 Big Ten Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Penn State
2. Illinois
Nebraska
4. Purdue
5. Minnesota
6. Michigan State



2011 Schedule and Results

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Set Scores	Site	Att.	Record	Time
Aug. 26	Oregon	L	3-1	25-16, 21-25, 20-25, 22-25	University Park, Pa.	3,710	0-1	2:04
Aug. 27	No. 2 USC	W	3-2	21-25, 21-25, 25-20, 25-22, 15-8	University Park, Pa.	6,165	1-1	2:29
Sept. 2	Miami (Ohio)	W	3-0	25-20, 25-18, 25-21	Pittsburgh, Pa.	----	2-1	1:36
Sept. 2	Pittsburgh	W	3-0	25-13, 25-12, 25-18	Pittsburgh, Pa.	2,138	3-1	1:24
Sept. 3	New Hampshire	W	3-0	25-14, 25-11, 25-11	Pittsburgh, Pa.	----	4-1	1:08
Sept. 9	No. 3 Stanford	L	3-1	25-23, 19-25, 25-27, 18-25	Palo Alto, Calif.	3,021	4-2	2:07
Sept. 10	No. 10 Texas	L	3-2	23-25, 20-25, 25-19, 25-14, 10-15	Palo Alto, Calif.	2,188	4-3	2:20
Sept. 16	Long Island	W	3-0	29-27, 25-8, 25-13	University Park, Pa.	2,413	5-3	1:16
Sept. 17	Rutgers	W	3-0	25-12, 25-17, 25-14	University Park, Pa.	----	6-3	1:04
Sept. 17	Florida Gulf Coast	W	3-1	20-25, 25-11, 25-17, 25-11	University Park, Pa.	3,114	7-3	1:38

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Individual Player Match-By-Match Highs

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Kills</u>	<u>Attacks</u>	<u>Assists</u>	<u>Digs</u>	<u>Total Blocks</u>
Aug. 26	Oregon	15 - McClendon	45 - Scott	32 - Carpenter	9 - Gonzalez	5 - Kabbes
Aug. 27	USC	25 - McClendon	53 - McClendon	45 - Hancock	20 - Carpenter	10 - Kabbes
Sept. 2	Miami (Ohio)	14 - McClendon	34 - McClendon	32 - Hancock	10 - Carpenter	3 - Martin 3 - Grant
Sept. 2	Pittsburgh	12 - Scott	29 - Scott	27 - Hancock	11 - Hancock 11 - Carpenter	2 - Slay
Sept. 3	New Hampshire	6 - Whitney 6 - McClendon	16 - McClendon	30 - Hancock	10 - Carpenter	6 - Slay
Sept. 9	Stanford	17 - McClendon	50 - McClendon	45 - Hancock	16 - Carpenter	3 - Grant
Sept. 10	Texas	25 - McClendon	50 - McClendon	52 - Hancock	23 - Carpenter	8 - Slay
Sept. 16	Long Island	9 - McClendon	19 - Scott	23 - Hancock	8 - McClendon	5 - Slay
Sept. 17	Rutgers	10 - McClendon	22 - Scott	33 - Hancock	10 - McClendon	4 - Slay
Sept. 17	Florida Gulf Coast	17 - Scott	31 - Scott	36 - Hancock	13 - Hancock	10 - Slay
Totals (including ties)		8 - McClendon 2 - Scott 1 - Whitney	5 - McClendon 5 - Scott	9 - Hancock 1 - Carpenter	6 - Carpenter 2 - McClendon 2 - Hancock 1 - Gonzalez	6 - Slay 2 - Kabbes 2 - Grant 1 - Martin



Team Match-By-Match State Comparison

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Sets</u>	<u>Kills</u>	<u>Hitting %</u>	<u>Aces</u>	<u>Digs</u>	<u>Total Team Blocks</u>	<u>Total Points Scored*</u>
Aug. 26	Oregon	4	48/62	.308/.277	5/4	43/53	8.5/5.5	61.5/71.5
Aug. 27	USC	5	65/64	.298/.265	8/4	58/60	18.5/6.0	91.5/74.0
Sept. 2	Miami (Ohio)	3	40/29	.250/.153	5/3	32/27	6.0/6.5	51.0/38.5
Sept. 2	Pittsburgh	3	38/26	.348/.090	6/3	39/34	6.0/4.0	50.0/33.0
Sept. 3	New Hampshire	3	38/20	.397/.037	9/1	37/27	8.0/1.5	55.0/22.5
Sept. 9	Stanford	4	57/50	.142/.224	5/1	63/65	5.5/15.0	67.5/66.0
Sept. 10	Texas	5	61/50	.217/.152	10/9	69/62	13.5/13.0	84.5/72.0
Sept. 16	Long Island	3	38/22	.308/-.067	6/3	33/24	10.0/6.0	54.0/31.0
Sept. 17	Rutgers	3	45/22	.419/.048	4/2	35/25	8.0/2.0	57.0/26.0
Sept. 17	Florida Gulf Coast	4	54/32	.315/.094	11/3	45/34	14.0/10.0	79.0/45.0

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



2011 Penn State Superlatives

Three sets	Individual	Team
Kills:	14 - Deja McClendon vs. Miami (Ohio) (9/2)	45 - vs. Rutgers (9/17)
Attacks:	34 - Deja McClendon vs. Miami (Ohio) (9/2)	92 - vs. Miami (Ohio) (9/2)
Attack Percentage*:	769 (10-0-13) - Katie Slay vs. Rutgers (9/17)	419 (45-9-86) - vs. Rutgers (9/17)
Assists:	33 - Micha Hancock vs. Rutgers (9/17)	41 - vs. Rutgers (9/17)
Aces:	6 - Micha Hancock vs. New Hampshire (9/3)	9 - vs. New Hampshire (9/3)
Digs:	11 - 2x, last, M. Hancock & K. Carpenter at Pittsburgh (9/2)	39 - at Pittsburgh (9/2)
Solo Blocks:	1 - 10x, last, N. Grant, K. Slay, D. McClendon, A. Whitney vs. Rutgers (9/17)	4 - vs. Rutgers (9/17)
Block Assists:	6 - Katie Slay vs. New Hampshire (9/3)	16 - vs. Long Island (9/16)
Total Blocks:	6 - Katie Slay vs. New Hampshire (9/3)	10.0 - vs. Long Island (9/16)

Four sets	Individual	Team
Kills:	17 - 2x, last, A. Scott vs. FGCU (9/17)	57 - at Stanford (9/9)
Attacks:	50 - Deja McClendon at Stanford (9/9)	169 - at Stanford (9/9)
Attack Percentage*:	571 (9-1-14) Katie Slay vs. FGCU (9/17)	315 (54-19-111) - vs. FGCU (9/17)
Assists:	45 - Micha Hancock at Stanford (9/9)	53 - at Stanford (9/9)
Aces:	3 - Micha Hancock vs. FGCU (9/17)	11 - vs. FGCU (9/17)
Digs:	16 - Kristin Carpenter at Stanford (9/9)	63 - at Stanford (9/9)
Solo Blocks:	1 - 4x, last, M. Hancock & K. Slay vs. FGCU (9/17)	2 - 2x, last vs. FGCU (9/17)
Block Assists:	9 - Katie Slay vs. FGCU (9/17)	24 - vs. FGCU (9/17)
Total Blocks:	10 - Katie Slay vs. FGCU (9/17)	14.0 - vs. FGCU (9/17)

Five sets	Individual	Team
Kills:	25 - 2x, last, Deja McClendon vs. Texas (9/10)	65 - vs. USC (8/27)
Attacks:	53 - Deja McClendon vs. USC (8/27)	161 - vs. Texas (9/10)
Attack Percentage*:	647 (11-0-17) - Nia Grant vs. USC (8/27)	298 (65-20-151) - vs. USC (8/27)
Assists:	52 - Micha Hancock vs. Texas (9/10)	60 - vs. Texas (9/10)
Aces:	6 - Micha Hancock vs. USC (8/27)	10 - vs. Texas (9/10)
Digs:	23 - Kristin Carpenter vs. Texas (9/10)	69 - vs. Texas (9/10)
Solo Blocks:	2 - Katie Kabbes vs. USC (8/27)	3 - vs. USC (8/27)
Block Assists:	8 - 3x, last, Katie Slay vs. Texas (9/10)	31 - vs. USC (8/27)
Total Blocks:	10 - Katie Kabbes vs. USC (8/27)	18.5 - vs. USC (8/27)

2011 Opponent Superlatives

Three sets	Individual	Team
Kills:	10 - Kiesha Leggs, Pittsburgh (9/2)	29 - Miami (Ohio) (9/2)
Attacks:	30 - Hanna Gibeau, Long Island (9/16)	89 - 2x, last, Long Island (9/16)
Attack Percentage*:	471 (10-2-17) - Kiesha Leggs, Pittsburgh (9/2)	153 (29-16-85) - Miami (Ohio) (9/2)
Assists:	25 - Lindsey Zitzke, Pittsburgh (9/2)	27 - Miami (Ohio) (9/2)
Aces:	3 - Annika Foit, Long Island (9/16)	3 - 3x, last, Long Island (9/16)
Digs:	9 - 2x, last, Margy Acton, Pittsburgh (9/2)	34 - Pittsburgh (9/2)
Solo Blocks:	1 - 3x, last, B. Muniz & J. Rice, Long Island (9/16)	2 - Long Island (9/16)
Block Assists:	5 - C. Farrell & A. Raseman, Miami (Ohio) (9/2)	13 - Miami (Ohio) (9/2)
Total Blocks:	5 - C. Farrell & A. Raseman, Miami (Ohio) (9/2)	6.5 - Miami (Ohio) (9/2)

Four sets	Individual	Team
Kills:	22 - Rachel Williams, Stanford (9/9)	62 - Oregon (8/26)
Attacks:	53 - Rachel Williams, Stanford (9/9)	143 - Stanford (9/9)
Attack Percentage*:	579 (12-1-19) - Liz Brenner, Oregon (8/26)	277 (62-23-141) - Oregon (8/26)
Assists:	48 - Lauren Plum, Oregon (8/26)	57 - Oregon (8/26)
Aces:	1 - 8x, last, K. Holm, C. Dominguez & H. Youngquist, FGCU (9/17)	4 - Oregon (8/26)
Digs:	15 - Holly Youngquist, FGCU (9/17)	65 - Stanford (9/9)
Solo Blocks:	2 - 3x, last, Katilin Holm, FGCU (9/17)	5 - Stanford (9/9)
Block Assists:	5 - Carly Wopat, Stanford (9/9)	20 - Stanford (9/9)
Total Blocks:	7 - Carly Wopat, Stanford (9/9)	15.0 - Stanford (9/9)

Five sets	Individual	Team
Kills:	22 - Alex Jupiter, USC (8/27)	64 - USC (8/27)
Attacks:	55 - Alex Jupiter, USC (8/27)	155 - USC (8/27)
Attack Percentage*:	538 (8-1-13) - Madelyn Hutson, Texas (9/10)	265 (64-23-155) - USC (8/27)
Assists:	47 - Kendall Bateman, USC (8/27)	55 - USC (8/27)
Aces:	3 - K. Bell & M. Hutson, Texas (9/10)	9 - Texas (9/10)
Digs:	17 - Sarah Palmer, Texas (9/10)	62 - Texas (9/10)
Solo Blocks:	1 - 4x, last, R. Adams & B. Webster, Texas (9/10)	2 - 2x, last, Texas (9/10)
Block Assists:	7 - Rachael Adams, Texas (9/10)	22 - Texas (9/10)
Total Blocks:	8 - Rachael Adams, Texas (9/10)	13.0 - Texas (9/10)

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**Ariel
SCOTT**
Sophomore
Ridgewood, N.J.
MIDDLE HITTER



**Katie
KABBES**
Senior
Raleigh, N.C.
OUTSIDE HITTER

Hampton Inn Classic All-Tournament Team ... tallied a career-high 14 kills against Oregon (8/26) in season-opener ... had a team-high 12 kills vs. Pitt (9/2) ... totaled 13 kills at the Big Four Classic (9/9-10) ... totaled 34 kills on .319 hitting in the Hampton Inn Classic (9/16-17).

Had a team-best five blocks vs. Oregon (8/26) ... put up a career-high 10 blocks vs. USC (8/27) ... had six kills vs. New Hampshire (9/3).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... 17 vs. FGCU (9/17)
Attacks: 45 vs. Oregon (8/26)
Hitting Percentage:419 (17-4-31) vs. FGCU (9/17)
Assists: 2 vs. FGCU (9/17)
Aces: 1, 2x, last vs. New Hampshire (9/3)
Digs: 5, 2x, last vs. New Hampshire (9/3)
Blocks: 4, 2x, last vs. Texas (9/10)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:.....21 at Minnesota (11/27/10)
Attacks:61 at Minnesota (11/27/10)
Hitting Percentage:533 (9-1-15) vs. Indiana (10/29/10)
Assists: 2 vs. FGCU (9/17)
Aces: 1, 2x, last vs. New Hampshire (9/3/11)
Digs:5, 2x, last vs. New Hampshire (9/3/11)
Blocks: 5, 2x, last vs. Virginia Tech (12/4/10)

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:.....5 vs. USC (8/27)
Attacks:19 vs. USC (8/27)
Hitting Percentage:333 (3-1-6) vs. Oregon (8/26)
Assists:2 vs. USC (8/27)
Aces:N/A
Digs: 2, 2x, last vs. New Hampshire (9/3)
Blocks:10 vs. USC (8/27)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 13 vs. Virginia Commonwealth (9/4/10)
Attacks: 29 at Purdue (10/8/10)
Hitting Percentage: ...692 (9-0-13) vs. George Washington (9/17/10)
Assists: 3 vs. Saint Francis (9/19/09)
Aces: 1 vs. Robert Morris (9/9/09)
Digs:6 vs. Princeton (9/18/10)
Blocks: 10 vs. USC (8/27/11)



Led the team with nine digs vs. Oregon (8/26) in collegiate debut.

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

2011 SEASON HIGHS	
Kills:.....	N/A
Attacks:	1 vs. Oregon (8/26)
Hitting Percentage:	N/A
Assists:	2 vs. USC (8/27)
Aces:	1, 2x, last vs. Long Island (9/16)
Digs:	9 vs. Oregon (8/26)
Blocks:	N/A
CAREER HIGHS	
Kills:.....	N/A
Attacks:	1 vs. Oregon (8/26/11)
Hitting Percentage:	N/A
Assists:	2 vs. USC (8/27/11)
Aces:	1, 2x, last vs. Long Island (9/16/11)
Digs:	9 vs. Oregon (8/26/11)
Blocks:	N/A

2011 SEASON HIGHS	
Kills:.....	N/A
Attacks:	3 vs. USC (8/27)
Hitting Percentage:	N/A
Assists:	32 vs. Oregon (8/26)
Aces:	2, 2x, last vs. FGCU (9/17)
Digs:	23 vs. Texas (9/10)
Blocks:	2 vs. Oregon (8/26)
CAREER HIGHS	
Kills:.....	4, 4x, last vs. Dule (12/11/10)
Attacks:	13 vs. Duke (12/11/10)
Hitting Percentage:	1.000 (3-0-3), 3x, last vs. Iowa (10/16/10)
Assists:	70 at Minnesota (11/27/10)
Aces:	2, 4x, last vs. FGCU (9/17/11)
Digs:	23 vs. Texas (9/10/11)
Blocks:	4 at North Carolina (8/27/10)

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**Maddie
MARTIN**
Sophomore
Tampa, Fla.
OUTSIDE HITTER

Recorded a career-high eight kills vs. Miami (Ohio) (8/26) ... put down a career-best 12 kills and a personal-best nine digs vs. Stanford (9/9) ... pounded seven kills on .545 hitting with three blocks vs. FGCU (9/17).



**Nia
GRANT**
Freshman
Warren, Ohio
OUTSIDE HITTER

Had 11 kills in 17 errorless swings and was second on the team with eight blocks in collegiate debut vs. USC (8/27) ... led the team with three blocks vs. Miami (Ohio) (9/2) ... had four blocks vs. Long Island (9/16).

2011 SEASON HIGHS
 Kills:..... 12 at Stanford (9/9)
 Attacks: 44 at Stanford (9/9)
 Hitting Percentage:545 (7-1-11) vs. FGCU (9/17)
 Assists: 2, 2x, last at Stanford (9/9)
 Aces: 1, 6x, last vs. FGCU (9/17)
 Digs: 9 at Stanford (9/9)
 Blocks: 3, 2x, last vs. FGCU (9/17)

CAREER HIGHS
 Kills:..... 12 at Stanford (9/9/11)
 Attacks: 44 at Stanford (9/9/11)
 Hitting Percentage:600 (6-0-10) at Indiana (10/9/10)
 Assists: 2, 2x, last at Stanford (9/9/11)
 Aces: 1, 9x, last vs. FGCU (9/17/11)
 Blocks: 3, 2x, last vs. FGCU (9/17/11)

2011 SEASON HIGHS
 Kills:..... 11 vs. USC (8/27)
 Attacks: 17, 2x, last vs. Texas (9/10)
 Hitting Percentage:647 (11-0-17) vs. USC (8/27)
 Assists: 2 vs. Texas (9/10)
 Aces: N/A
 Digs: 1, 2x, last vs. New Hampshire (9/3)
 Blocks: 8 vs. USC (8/27)

CAREER HIGHS
 Kills:..... 11 vs. USC (8/27/11)
 Attacks: 17, 2x, last vs. Texas (9/10/11)
 Hitting Percentage:647 (11-0-17) vs. USC (8/27/11)
 Assists: 2 vs. Texas (9/10/11)
 Aces: N/A
 Digs: 1, 2x, last vs. New Hampshire (9/3/11)
 Blocks: 8 vs. USC (8/27/11)



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



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

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:.....1 vs. Rutgers (9/17)
 Attacks:2 vs. Rutgers (9/17)
 Hitting Percentage:N/A
 Assists:N/A
 Aces:N/A
 Digs:N/A
 Blocks:N/A

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 1 vs. Rutgers (9/17/11)
 Attacks: 2 vs. Rutgers (9/17/11)
 Hitting Percentage:N/A
 Assists:N/A
 Aces:N/A
 Digs:N/A
 Blocks:N/A

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:.....3 vs. New Hampshire (9/3)
 Attacks:5 vs. New Hampshire (9/3)
 Hitting Percentage:600 (3-0-5) vs. New Hampshire (9/3)
 Assists:N/A
 Aces:N/A
 Digs:2 vs. New Hampshire (9/3)
 Blocks:3 vs. New Hampshire (9/3)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 3 vs. New Hampshire (9/3/11)
 Attacks: 5 vs. New Hampshire (9/3/11)
 Hitting Percentage:600 (3-0-5) vs. New Hampshire (9/3/11)
 Assists: 3, 2x, last vs. Princeton (9/18/10)
 Aces: 1, 5x, last vs. Pennsylvania (12/4/09)
 Digs:3 vs. Campbell (8/28/10)
 Blocks: 3 vs. New Hampshire (9/3/11)

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Darcy DORTON
 Redshirt-Sophomore
 Muncie, Ind.
OUTSIDE HITTER



Micha HANCOCK
 Freshman
 Edmond, Okla.
SETTER

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

AVCA Showcase All-Tournament Team ... Pittsburgh Invitational MVP ... had seven kills in eight errorless swings, a match-high six aces and guided Penn State to a .298 hitting percentage vs. USC (8/27) ... had 27 assists and tied for first on the team with 11 digs vs. Pitt (9/2) ... had 30 assists and a team-best six aces vs. New Hampshire (9/3) ... totaled 97 assists and was second on the team with 23 digs at Big Four Classic (9/9-10) ... tallied 92 assists (9/20 assists per set), seven aces and a team-high 28 digs in the Hampton Inn Classic (9/16-17).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... 3, 2x, last vs. Rutgers (9/17)
 Attacks: 6 vs. Rutgers (9/17)
 Hitting Percentage: 1.000 (3-0-3) vs. New Hampshire (9/3)
 Assists: N/A
 Aces: N/A
 Digs: 2 vs. Oregon (8/26)
 Blocks: N/A

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 15 vs. Miami (Ohio) (8/28/09)
 Attacks: 31 vs. Texas (12-19-09)
 Hitting Percentage:643 (9-0-14) at Florida (12/11/09)
 Assists: 1, 3x, last vs. Texas (12/19/09)
 Aces: N/A
 Digs: 8 vs. Robert Morris (9/5/09)
 Blocks: 5, 2x, last at Indiana (11/21/09)

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... 7 vs. USC (8/27)
 Attacks: 9 vs. FGCU (9/17)
 Hitting Percentage:875 (7-0-8) vs. USC (8/27)
 Assists: 52 vs. Texas (9/10)
 Aces: 6, 2x, last vs. New Hampshire (9/3)
 Digs: 13 vs. FGCU (9/17)
 Blocks: 5 vs. Texas (9/10)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 7 vs. USC (8/27/11)
 Attacks: 9 vs. FGCU (9/17/11)
 Hitting Percentage:875 (7-0-8) vs. USC (8/27/11)
 Assists: 52 vs. Texas (9/10/11)
 Aces: 6, 2x, last vs. New Hampshire (9/3/11)
 Digs: 13 vs. FGCU (9/17/11)
 Blocks: 5 vs. Texas (9/10/11)

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Megan SHIFFLETT
Senior
Falls Church, Va.
DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST

Made 2011 debut vs. Oregon (8/26) ... had seven digs at Stanford (9/9) ... had a career-high eight digs and two aces vs. Texas (9/10).



Aiyana WHITNEY
Freshman
Norwood, N.J.
OUTSIDE HITTER

Made collegiate debut against New Hampshire (9/3) and had six kills and two blocks ... put down 15 kills vs. Texas (9/10) ... pounded six kills vs. Long Island (9/16) ... had seven kills and three blocks vs. Rutgers (9/17).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... N/A
Attacks: N/A
Hitting Percentage: N/A
Assists: 1 at Stanford (9/9)
Aces: 2 vs. Texas (9/10)
Digs: 8 vs. Texas (9/10)
Blocks: N/A

CAREER HIGHS

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

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... 15 vs. Texas (9/10)
Attacks: 30 vs. Texas (9/10)
Hitting Percentage:500 (6-1-10) vs. Long Island (9/16)
Assists: N/A
Aces: N/A
Digs: 1, 2x, last vs. Long Island (9/16)
Blocks: 3 vs. Rutgers (9/17)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 15 vs. Texas (9/10/11)
Attacks: 30 vs. Texas (9/10/11)
Hitting Percentage:500 (6-1-10) vs. Long Island (9/16/11)
Assists: N/A
Aces: N/A
Digs: 1, 2x, last vs. Long Island (9/16/11)
Blocks: 3 vs. Rutgers (9/17/11)



Maggie
HARDING
Redshirt-Freshman
State College, Pa.
DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST

Made collegiate debut against New Hampshire (9/3).



Katie
SLAY
Sophomore
Raleigh, N.C.
MIDDLE HITTER

Preseason All-Big Ten ... Hampton Inn Classic MVP ... Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week (9/19) ... had 11 kills vs. Oregon (8/26) ... pounded a career-high 12 kills vs. USC (8/27) ... had five kills and six blocks vs. New Hampshire (9/3) ... tallied 11 kills at Stanford (9/9) ... posted seven kills and had eight blocks vs. Texas (9/10) ... had 27 kills on .561 hitting and 19 blocks in the Hampton Inn Classic (9/16-17).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

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

CAREER HIGHS

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

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... 12 vs. USC (8/27)
Attacks: 25 vs. USC (8/27)
Hitting Percentage:769 (10-0-13) vs. Rutgers (9/17)
Assists: 3 vs. Long Island (9/16)
Aces: 1 vs. Oregon (8/26)
Digs: 6 vs. Oregon (8/26)
Blocks: 10 vs. FGCU (9/17)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 12 vs. USC (8/27/11)
Attacks: 26 vs. USC (8/27/11)
Hitting Percentage:769 (10-0-13) vs. Rutgers (9/17/11)
Assists: 3 vs. Long Island (9/16/11)
Aces: 1 vs. Oregon (8/26/11)
Digs: 6 vs. Oregon (8/26/11)
Blocks: 10, 2x, last vs. FGCU (9/17/11)

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**Deja
MCCLENDON**
Sophomore
Louisville, Ky.
OUTSIDE HITTER



**Ali
LONGO**
Sophomore
Littleton, Colo.
DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST

Unanimous Preseason All-Big Ten ... AVCA Showcase All-Tournament Team ... Pittsburgh Invitational All-Tournament Team ... Nike Big Four Volleyball Classic All-Tournament Team ... led the team with 15 kills and was second on the team with four blocks vs. Oregon (8/26) ... tallied a career-high 25 kills vs. USC (8/27) ... led the team with 30 kills in the Pitt Invitational (9/2-3) ... had a team-high 42 kills at Big Four Classic (9/9-10) ... totaled 25 kills and was third on the team with 26 digs in the Hampton Inn Classic (9/16-17).

Hampton Inn Classic All-Tournament Team ... recorded nine digs vs. USC (8/27) ... tallied three aces vs. Miami (Ohio) (9/2) ... second on the team with 27 digs in the Hampton Inn Classic (9/16-17).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... 25, 2x, last vs. Texas (9/10)
Attacks:53 vs. USC (8/27)
Hitting Percentage:625 (10-0-16) at Pittsburgh (9/2)
Assists: 4 vs. Texas (9/10)
Aces:2 vs. USC (8/27)
Digs:10 vs. Rutgers (9/17)
Blocks: 4 vs. Oregon (8/26)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 25, 2x, last vs. Texas (9/10/11)
Attacks: 53 vs. USC (8/27/11)
Hitting Percentage:733 (11-0-15) vs. Texas (12/16/10)
Assists:4 vs. Texas (9/10/11)
Aces: 2, 3x, last vs. USC (8/27/11)
Digs: 16 at Wisconsin (9/26/10)
Blocks: 6 at North Carolina (8/27/10)

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:.....N/A
Attacks: 1 vs. Oregon (8/26)
Hitting Percentage:N/A
Assists: 5 vs. FGCU (9/17)
Aces: 3 vs. Miami (Ohio) (9/2)
Digs: 12 vs. FGCU (9/17)
Blocks:N/A

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:.....N/A
Attacks:2 at Iowa (11/26/10)
Hitting Percentage:N/A
Assists: 5 vs. FGCU (9/17/11)
Aces: 3, 3x, last vs. Miami (Ohio) (9/2/11)
Digs: 16 at Minnesota (11/27/10)
Blocks:N/A



Made her collegiate debut vs. Oregon (8/26) ... second on the team with 13 digs vs. Texas (9/10).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... N/A
 Attacks: N/A
 Hitting Percentage: N/A
 Assists: 1 vs. Texas (9/10)
 Aces: 2 vs. FGCU (9/17)
 Digs: 13 vs. Texas (9/10)
 Blocks: N/A

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... N/A
 Attacks: N/A
 Hitting Percentage: N/A
 Assists: 1 vs. Texas (9/10/11)
 Aces: 1, 3x, last vs. Texas (9/10/11)
 Digs: 13 vs. Texas (9/10/11)
 Blocks: N/A