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Postmatch Notes

Penn State 3, Charleston 0

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University Park, Pa. (Rec Hall)

Team

No. 6 Penn State pushed past Charleston in three sets (25-15,25-13,25-14), improving their overall record to 11-3 and their EIVA record to 6-0.

Tonight's win against the Golden Eagles marks the Nittany Lions ninth consecutive win of the season and their eighth straight set victory of the season.

Junior Chris Nugent led the offense for the eighth time this season with eight kills on .583 hitting. Redshirt-freshman Matthew McLaren finished second on the team for the first time this season posting seven kills.

Redshirt-junior Andrew Roberts, redshirt-freshman Lee Smith and redshirt-sophomore Kevin Gear led the team from the service line registering a season-high two service aces.

Penn State out-blocked Charleston 6.0 to 3.0 with multi-block performances by three different Nittany Lions. Redshirt-senior Matt Seifert led the team for the fifth match this season, totaling three blocks.

PSU out-aced Charleston 10-0, thanks to service aces from six different Nittany Lions. Junior Chris Nugent, redshirt-junior Andrew Roberts, redshirt-freshman Lee Smith and redshirt-sophomore Kevin Gear all tied for first with two service aces each.

Series

Penn State holds a 1-0 advantage over Charleston, with tonight's match marking the first meeting between the Nittany Lions and Cardinals.

Players

Chris Nugent, junior outside hitter

Nugent led the team for the eighth time this season, posting eight kills to go along with three digs and two service aces. Tonight marks his fifth match of the season with two service aces.

He has recorded double digit kills in 12 of the 13 matches this season.

Matthew McLaren, redshirt-freshman

McLaren finished second on the team tallying seven kills and logging three digs in the win against Charleston.

Zack Parik, senior setter

Parik dished out 16 assists, pacing the team to a .397 hitting percentage, adding three digs.

He matched his season-high assists, leading the team for the first time this season.

Lee Smith, redshirt-freshman outside hitter

Smith notched a season-high two aces while matching his season-high of two blocks including one solo stuff.

Kevin Gear, redshirt-sophomore middle blocker

Gear helped lead the team from the service line registering a season-high two service aces, adding two blocks and two kills.

Royce Clemens, redshirt-freshman middle blocker

Clemens led the defense for the ninth time this season, tallying six digs.