

TWO-TIME NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

30 EIVA CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS | 26 EIVA CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

2015 SCHEDULE & RECORD

Overall: 4-7 (Home: 4-2, Away: 0-4, Neutral: 0-1) **EIVA:** 2-0 (Home: 2-0, Away: 0-0)

JANUARY

Outrigger Invitational (8-9)

1/8 vs. UC Irvine	L, 3-2
1/9 at Hawaii	<u>L, 3-0</u>
1/16 at Ball State	L, 3-2
1/17 at IPFW	L, 3-1
1/23 vs. Loyola	L, 3-1
1/24 vs. Lewis	L, 3-1
1/30 vs. Mount Olive	W, 3-0
1/31 vs. Saint Francis*	W, 3-0

FEBRUARY

2/6	vs. Erskine	W, 3-0
2/7	PSU Alumni Match	N/A
2/11	at Ohio State	L, 3-0
2/14	vs. George Mason*	W, 3-0
2/20	at Lewis	7 p.m.
2/21	at Loyola	8 p.m.
2/27	at Sacred Heart*	7 p.m.
2/28	at Harvard*	7 p.m.

MARCH

3/10 at USC	7 p.m.
Asics Tournament at LBSU (13-14)	
3/13 at Cal State Northridge	7 p.m.
3/14 at Long Beach State	<u>5 p.m.</u>
3/21 vs. Ohio State	2 p.m.
3/27 vs. Princeton*	7 p.m.
3/28 vs. NJIT*	7 p.m.

APRIL

4/4	at George Mason*	7 p.m.
4/10	vs. Harvard*	7 p.m.
4/11	vs. Sacred Heart*	4 p.m.
4/17	at Princeton*	7 p.m.
4/18	at NJIT*	4 p.m.
4/25	at Saint Francis	4 p.m.
4/29	EIVA Semifinals	Site of #1 seed

MAY

5/1	EIVA Championship	Site of #1 seed
5/5	NCAA Play-in match	Palo Alto, Calif.
5/7	NCAA Semifinals	Palo Alto, Calif.
5/9	NCAA Finals	Palo Alto, Calif.

Home matches played at Rec Hall in CAPS • All times EST and subject to change • * Indicates EIVA match • # indicates match will be aired on TV

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WEEK 7: LEWIS & LOYOLA - SECOND TIME AROUND

Fridav. Feb. 20 2015 | Romeoville, III. - Neil Carey Arena Saturday, Feb. 21 2015 | Chicago, III. - Gentile Arena



RV PENN STATE VS. WEEKEND OPPONENTS

NITTANY LIONS Record: 4-7

EIVA: 2-0 AVCA Rank: RV

Head coach: Mark Pavlik Overall Record: 486-149

LOYOLA RAMBLERS Record: 10-0 MIVA: 3-0

AVCA Rank: #1 **Last Outing:** 1/23/2015 Head coach: Shane Davis

FLYERS

Record: 11-1 MIVA: 3-0 AVCA Rank: #2

Last Outing: 1/24/2015 Head coach: Dan Friend

FIRST SERVE

- » Penn State hits the road for the first two matches of a seven-game road trip. The Nittany Lions take on No. 2 Lewis Friday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. ET, before traveling to No. 1 Loyola to square off against the top-ranked Ramblers Saturday, Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. ET.
- » PSU will meet both Lewis and Loyola for the second time this season, having lost a pair of close four set matches at home in Rec Hall earlier this season.
- » Penn State went 1-1 last week, rebounding from a 3-0 loss at No. 12 Ohio State with a straight set victory against George Mason to move to 2-0 in the EIVA standings.
- » The Nittany Lions head to Chicago with an 11-9 edge in the all-time series against Loyola, having lost the last three straight against the Ramblers. Earlier this season, PSU came up short in a 3-1 loss in its home opener. Nick Goodell, Spencer Sauter and Aaron Russell all led the offense with double figure kills, led by 19 from Goodell.
- » Penn State travels to Lewis also leading the all-time series against the Flyers with a 19-9 advantage. PSU was upended by Lewis earlier this season, falling in four sets at home. Powered by a match-high 23 kills from Aaron Russell, Nick Goodell (17) and Matt Callaway (11) also contributed double digit kills.
- » After helping the team to a pair of wins against Mount Olive and Saint Francis, senior Aaron Russell earned EIVA Offensive Player of the Week honors. The award is the first of the season for Russell, who previously earned EIVA Offensive Player of the Week accolades four times in
- » Head coach Mark Pavlik helped raise awareness for the EIVA's "EIVA Rallies!" campaign by wearing a fedora in the Nittany Lions' EIVA opener against travel partner, Saint Francis. Each year, Penn State men's volleyball participates in the annual campaign, which benefits the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. During the EIVA Rallies! silent auction, PSU raised nearly \$700 to donate to the cause on behalf of the Nittany Lions.
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- » Penn State received eight votes in this week's AVCA Poll, since slipping out of the top 15 three weeks ago. Presently, the Nittany Lions have now seen or will see a total of 11 teams from the top 15 at some point during the regular season.
- » Following a 2014 season that featured Penn State men's volleyball's 16th consecutive trip the NCAA national semifinals, the Nittany Lions return a core group of nine letterwinners and five starters this year, while welcoming four freshmen to the roster.
- » PSU returns almost all of its starters from a year ago, with graduating senior and 2014 All-El-VA second team honoree, Peter Russell as the only departure. Senior Aaron Russell highlights the group of returners as he closed out the 2014 season atop the team standings in almost every category. The 2014 First Team AVCA All-American also earned his second consecutive Uvaldo Acosta Memorial EIVA Player of the Year award.
- » The 26-time defending EIVA champion Penn State men's volleyball team was selected as this year's EIVA preseason favorite. The Nittany Lions were voted to capture this year's championship crown by the league's seven head coaches, receiving six of a possible seven first place votes in the preseason poll.
- » First team AVCA All-American senior Aaron Russell and redshirt senior Nick Goodell, both picked up 2015 Off the Block/Springbak Preseason All-America honors. Russell was selected as a First Team All-American, while Goodell earned Second Team honors.
- » Senior Aaron Russell and redshirt junior Matt Seifert have been voted as the two team captains for the 2015 season.

PENN STATE AT A GLANCE

THE UNIVERSITY

Location: University	y Park, Pa. 16802
Founded:	1855
Enrollment:	44,112
Colors:	Blue & White
Nickname:	Nittany Lions
Men's Volleyball Conference:	EIVA
President:	Dr. Eric Barron
Director of Athletics:	Sandy Barbour
Facility (capacity):	Rec Hall (5,812)

VOLLEYBALL STAFF

Head Coach: M	ark Pavlik (21st season)
Alma Mater:	Penn State, 1982
Overall Record (Yrs/Pct):	482-142 (20/.772)
School Record:	same
Asst. Coaches:Coli	n McMillan (8th season)
	Jay Hosack (6th season)
Office Phone:	(814) 863-7474
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SEASON IN REVIEW

2014 Record:	25-7
Home: 15-0	Away: 7-6
Neutral:	3-1
Conference record (finish):	13-1 (1st)
Home: 7-0	Away: 6-1
Final AVCA Ranking:	No. 10
Postseason Play:NCAA	national semifinal
Play-in Match:	Win, 3-1 vs. Lewis
Nation Semifinal:Lost, 3	3-2 at No. 1 Loyola

THE HISTORY

First Year of Volleyball:	1977
All-Time Record (Years):	973-274-10
All-Time EIVA Record:	276-13
EIVA Win Pct.:	956 (.955)
EIVA/ECVL Championships	30
EIVA Championship Titles	26
NCAA Tournament Appearances	29
NCAA National Titles	1994 & 2008

2015 ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School (College)
1	Taylor Hammond	RS-Jr.	S	6-4	Mission Viejo, Calif./Santa Margarita Cath.
2	Zack Parik	Jr.	S	6-4	Woodridge, III./Downers Grove North
3	Connor Curry	RS-Sr.	L	6-0	Newport Beach, Calif./Newport Harbor
4	Nick Goodell	RS-Sr.	OPP	6-4	Ambridge, Pa./Ambridge
5	Parker Thompson	Fr.	L	6-0	State College, Pa./State College
6	Royce Clemens	Fr.	L	6-1	York, Pa./Central York
7	Andrew Roberts	RS-So.	OPP	6-5	Grantville, Pa./Lower Dauphin
8	Aaron Russell	Sr.	ОН	6-9	Ellicott City, Md./Centennial
9	Lee Smith	Fr.	ОН	6-6	Sewickley, Pa./Ambridge
10	Chris Nugent	So.	ОН	6-5	Fairlawn, N.J./Fairlawn
11	Spencer Sauter	RS-So.	ОН	6-7	Woodridge, III./Naperville North
12	Kevin Gear	RS-Fr.	MB	6-8	Rochester, N.Y./Gates-Chili
13	Matthew McLaren	Fr.	ОН	6-4	Aurora, Colo./Cherokee Trail
14	Jalen Penrose	RS-Fr.	ОН	6-8	Cambridge, Mass./Cambridge Ridge & Latin
15	Aidan Albrecht	RS-Fr.	ОН	6-6	Old Bridge, N.J. Old Bridge
17	Matt Callaway	RS-So.	MB	6-7	Wheaton, III./Wheaton Warrenville South
18	Matt Seifert	RS-Jr.	MB	6-10	Reading, Pa./Exeter Township

Head Coach:
Assistant Coaches:

Athletic Trainer:

Mark Pavlik (Penn State, 1982), 21st year Jay Hosack (UC Santa Cruz, 1997) 6th year Colin McMillan (Ohio State, 2000), 8th year Scott Campbell (Penn State 2008), 2nd year

ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	SP	K/S	%	A/S	SA/S	D/S	B/S
15	Aidan Albrecht	RS-Fr.	ОН	6-6	12	0.75	.143	0.08	0.08	0.25	0.92
17	Matt Callaway	RS-So.	MB	6-7	40	1.38	.419	0.15	0.05	0.28	0.75
6	Royce Clemens	Fr.	L	6-1	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Connor Curry	RS-Sr.	L	6-0	40	0.00	.000	0.65	0.00	2.60	0.00
12	Kevin Gear	RS-Fr.	MB	6-8	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Nick Goodell	RS-Sr.	OPP	6-4	40	3.38	.207	0.12	0.17	1.88	0.45
1	Taylor Hammond	RS-Jr.	S	6-4	40	0.20	.158	10.77	0.03	1.50	0.40
13	Matthew McLaren	Fr.	ОН	6-4	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	Chris Nugent	So.	ОН	6-5	23	2.30	.234	0.09	0.52	0.91	0.30
2	Zack Parik	Jr.	S	6-4	29	0.00	.000	0.28	0.03	0.14	0.00
14	Jalen Penrose	RS-Fr.	ОН	6-8	10	0.04	091	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.00
7	Andrew Roberts	RS-So.	OPP	6-5	21	0.00	.000	0.00	0.19	0.10	0.00
8	Aaron Russell	Sr.	ОН	6-9	40	4.65	.372	0.08	0.43	1.75	0.60
11	Spencer Sauter	RS-So.	ОН	6-7	22	1.55	.162	0.09	0.14	1.64	0.64
18	Matt Seifert	RS-Jr.	MB	6-10	28	1.00	.162	0.07	0.21	0.32	0.61
9	Lee Smith	Fr.	ОН	6-6	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Parker Thompson	Fr.	L	6-0	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	IN STATE TOTALS PONENT TOTALS				40 40	12.80 12.05		12.15 11.30		9.93 8.98	1.91 2.55

PRONUNCIATIONS

Aidan	Aye-DEN	Jalen	Jay-LEN
Albrecht	ALL-Breckt	Sauter	SAW-ter
Goodell	GUH-Dell	Seifert	Sigh-FERT
McLaren	Mick-lair-EN	Pavlik	PAV-lik
Nugent	New-gent		

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE EIVA 2015 EIVA PRESEASON POLL

1. PENN STATE

- 2. Princeton
- 3. George Mason
- 4. Harvard
- 5. Saint Francis
- 6. NJIT
- 7. Sacred Heart

2015 EIVA STANDINGS

	Conf.			Overall		
Team	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Princeton	3	0	1.000	5	4	.556
PENN STATE	2	0	1.000	4	7	.364
Harvard	2	1	.667	6	4	.600
St. Francis (Pa.)	1	1	.500	1	12	.077
Sacred Heart	1	2	.333	3	6	.333
NJIT	0	3	.000	5	5	.500
George Mason	0	2	.000	2	8	.200

2015 HONORS

AARON RUSSELL

Outrigger Invitational All-Tournament (1/9) Off the Block Preseason All-American EIVA Offensive Player of the Week (2/2)

NICK GOODELL

Off the Block Preseason All-American EIVA Defensive Player of the Week (1/21)

PENN STATE ALL-TIME RECORDS vs. 2015 OPPONENTS

NON-CONFERENCE

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Team	W-L	<u>Last</u>
Hawaii	8-14	UH, 3-0 (1/9/15)
UC Irvine	4-8	UCI, 3-2 (1/8/15)
Ball State	61-22	BSU, 3-2 (1/16/15)
IPFW	42-15	IPFW, 3-1 (1/17/15)
Loyola Chicago	11-9	LOY, 3-1 (1/23/15)
Lewis	19-9	LEW, 3-1 (1/24/15)
Mount Olive	8-0	PSU, 3-0 (1/30/15)
Erskine	2-0	PSU, 3-0 (2/7/14)
USC	6-18	USC, 3-0 (3/9/12)
CSUN	9-4	PSU, 3-0 (3/14/14)
Long Beach State	6-15	LBSU, 3-0 (3/15/14)
Ohio State	70-29	OSU, 3-0 (2/4/15)

EIVA

<u>Team</u>	W-L	Last
George Mason	96-14	PSU, 3-0 (2/14/15)
Harvard	9-1	PSU, 3-0 (4/4/14)
NJIT	34-1	PSU, 3-0 (4/19/14)
Princeton	51-3	PSU, 3-0 (4/26/14)
Sacred Heart	8-0	PSU, 3-0 (4/5/14)
Saint Francis	35-0	PSU, 3-0 (1/31/15)

RUSSELL NAMED EIVA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

After helping the team to a pair of wins against Mount Olive and Saint Francis, senior Aaron Russell earned EIVA Offensive Player of the Week honors. The award is the first of the season for Russell, who previously earned EIVA Offensive Player of the Week accolades four times in 2014. The award also marked the second consecutive week the Nittany Lions earned one of the two EIVA Weekly honors.

Russell led the team with 4.17 kills per set during the 2-0 week, averaging a squad-best .513 hitting percentage. Defensively, he finished second on the team in blocks per set (0.83), while also tying for second on the team in digs per set (1.83). Against Mount Olive, he tallied eight kills, eight digs and two aces in the 3-0 victory, before highlighting the weekend with a match-high 17 kills on .625 hitting in the 2015 EIVA opener against Saint Francis.

RALLYING FOR A CAUSE

Penn State head coach Mark Pavlik helped raise awareness for the EIVA's "EIVA Rallies!" campaign by wearing a fedora in the Nittany Lions' EIVA opener against travel partner, Saint Francis. Each year, Penn State men's volleyball participates in the annual campaign, which benefits the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. During the EIVA Rallies! silent auction, PSU raised nearly \$700 to donate to the cause on behalf of the Nittany Lions.

The Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center is one of the largest and oldest private cancer centers. Throughout its history, the center has dedicated more than 100 years to patient care and innovative research.

AVCA DIV. HI MEN'S COACHES POLL: FEB 16, 2015

Rank	<u>School</u>	Pts.	Record
1	Loyola-Chicago (17)	269	10-0
2	Lewis	234	11-1
3	USC	223	9-2
4	UC Irvine	219	13-3
5	BYU (1)	195	9-3
6	Pepperdine	194	11-2
7	Hawai'i	178	9-3
8	UC Santa Barbara	136	8-5
T-9	IPFW	109	9-3
T-9	Long Beach State	109	8-4
11	UCLA	98	6-5
12	Ohio State	81	10-2
13	Princeton	35	5-4
14	CSUN	27	5-8
15	Ball State	26	7-5

Receiving Votes: Stanford 10; Harvard 8; PENN STATE 8

AVCA DI-II COACHES' POLL UPDATE: FEBRUARY 16

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PAVLIK APPROACHING CAREER MARK

In his 21st year at the helm of the program, head coach Mark Pavlik has amassed 486 career victories. His all-time mark puts him just 14 shy of the milestone 500 career-wins plateau.

CAREER DAY ON THE COURT FOR RUSSELL

At Ball State, senior Aaron Russell led all hitters with a career-high 32 kills on .439 hitting on the road against the Cardinals. Despite the close 3-2 loss, Russell added a team-high three aces to go along with five digs and three blocks. His performance marks the first career 30-plus kill outing for Russell, while also making him the first Nittany Lion since 2011 (Joe Sunder vs. Hawaii) to put down 30 kills in a single match.

GOODELL EARNS EIVA DEFENSIVE HONOR

Redshirt senior Nick Goodell highlighted the first EIVA Weekly Awards release of the season with EIVA Defensive Player of the week honors for his performances in the first two weeks of the 2015 slate. Goodell recorded at least seven digs in three of the first four matches of the season, while also posting double figure kills in each match. Through four matches, he's tied for second on the team in blocks per set (0.53) and second on the squad in digs per set (1.76). In the Outrigger Invitational, he kicked off the season with 10 kills and seven digs against No. 8 UC Irvine, before returning the next night to lead the team with 14 kills against No. 10 Hawaii. Goodell highlighted last weekend with his first double-double of the season, posting 15 kills and 14 digs at Ball State.

RUSSELL ON OUTRIGGER INVITE ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Senior Aaron Russell earned a spot on the Outrigger Invitational All-Tournament team. Russell recorded back-to-back double-digit kill performances, highlighting the week with a match-high 19 kills in a close 3-2 loss to eighth-ranked UC Irvine. Against No. 10 Hawaii, he tallied 10 kills, while also leading the team with eight digs and three aces.

PENN STATE VOTED EIVA PRESEASON FAVORITE

The 16-time defending EIVA champion Penn State men's volleyball team has been selected as the 2014 EIVA preseason favorite. The Nittany Lions were voted to capture this year's championship crown by the league's seven head coaches. Penn State received six of a possible seven first place votes in the preseason poll, while Princeton picked up one. The Tigers are slotted to finish second, while George Mason, Harvard and St. Francis (Pa.) round out the top five in spots three through five.

RECORD BOOK WATCH

SINGLE SEASON

Aces		
##	Name	Year
79	Max Holt	2009
71	AARON RUSSELL	2014
55	Max Holt	2007
51	Will Price	2009
49	Will Prince	2010
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ALL-TIME

Aces		
##	Name	Year
207	Max Holt	2006-09
153	AARON RUSSELL	2011-PRES.
130	Zeljko Kolijesar	2000-03
126	Carlos Guerra	2000-03
108	Matt Proper	2003-06
107	Joe Sunder	2009-12
100	Will Prince	2006-08
99	Jose Quinones	2000-03
88	Jason Kepner	1994-97
	Alex Gutaor	2004-07
87	Nick Turko	2009-13
85	Eric Houston	1998-00
83	Edgardo Goas	2009-12
	NICK GOODELL	2010-PRES.
82	Matt Anderson	2006-08

2015 DOUBLE-DOUBLES

NICK GOODELL

1/16 at Ball State 15 kills, 14 digs

TAYLOR HAMMOND

1/23 vs. Loyola 14 digs, 47 assists

PSU IN THE NATIONAL STANDINGS

IEAM				
Rank	Categ	ory		Stat
5	Digs P	er Set		9.93
8	Assist	s Per Se	et	12.15
10	Kills P	er Set		12.80
15	Aces F	Per Set		1.35
17	Hitting	g %		.270
INDIVIDUAL	_			
Category		Rank	Name	Stat
Points Per S	Set	3	Aaron Russell	5.48
Kills Per Se	t	3	Aaron Russell	4.56
Assists Per	Set	4	Taylor Hammond	10.78
Digs Per Se	et	9	Connor Curry	2.60
Aces Per Se	et	16	Aaron Russell	0.43
Hitting %		12	Aaron Russell	.372

IN THE EIVA STANDINGS

TEAM		
Rank	Category	Stat
1	Assists Per Set	12.15
1	Kills Per Set	12.80
2	Hitting %	.270
2	Digs Per Set	9.93
3	Aces Per Set	1.35

INDIVIDUAL

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Kills Per Set	2	Aaron Russell	4.65
Points Per Set	2	Aaron Russell	5.48
	5	Nick Goodell	3.80
Hitting %	2	Aaron Russell	.372
Aces Per Set	3	Aaron Russell	0.43
Digs Per Set	2	Connor Curry	2.60

STEPPING UP!

Three weeks ago, sophomore Chris Nugent highlighted the weekend with a pair of career high performances. In his first career start against Mount Olive, Nugent led the offense with a match-high 16 kills on .500 hitting, adding three aces, five digs and two blocks to earn Mike Anderson Penn State Player of the Match honors. The next night, he set another career-high mark with a match-high seven aces against Saint Francis. Against Erskine, he tied for first on the team with 12 kills, while also adding two aces and a career-high five blocks. Since earning his first start, he's ranked third on the team with 2.30 kills per set and second in aces per set (0.52) with 12 aces on the year.

Redshirt freshman Aidan Albrecht has also seen increased action on the court since stepping into the middle position after an injury sidelined starter Matt Seifert. He made his collegiate debut in the 2015 EIVA opener against Saint Francis, before posting a career-high four blocks against Erskine. Against George Mason he tallied a career-high five kills.

RUSSELL JOINS TEAM U.S.A FOR WORLD QUALIFIER

First Team AVCA All-American Aaron Russell was selected to the U.S. Men's National Team for the 2014 NORCECA Men's World Championship Qualification Tournament this summer. He was one of just four outsides to be selected to the 12-man roster, which also features several Olympians from the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Teams.

NITTANY LIONS PICKED THIRD IN AVCA PRESEASON POLL

Penn State was the only EIVA school to earn a spot on the 2015 AVCA DI-II Men's Volleyball Preseason Poll, coming in a No. 3. Pepperdine earned this year's No. 1 overall spot, while defending NCAA national champion Loyola-Chicago claimed the No. 2 position, picking up eight first place votes. UC Santa Barbara and UCLA rounded out the top five at No. 4 and No. 5, respectively.

LEADING LIONS

Senior Aaron Russell and redshirt junior Matt Seifert have been voted as the two team captains for the 2015 season. Seifert is no stranger to the leadership role, having served alongside Connor Curry as one of two team captains last year.

RUSSELL. GOODELL EARN OFF THE BLOCK PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA HONORS

First team AVCA All-American senior Aaron Russell and redshirt senior Nick Goodell, both picked up 2015 Off the Block/Springbak Preseason All-America honors. Russell was selected as a First Team All-American, while Goodell earned Second Team honors. The duo are just two of 22 student-athletes to earn the honor, which is selected by a nationwide voting committee comprised of coaches from around the country. The Off the Block Preseason All-American teams recognizes the NCAA Division I-II men's volleyball players predicted to perform best during the upcoming season.

WHO'S BACK?

Penn State returns almost all of its starters from a year ago, with graduating senior and 2014 All-EIVA second team honoree, Peter Russell as the only departure. Senior Aaron Russell highlights the group of talented returners as he closed out the 2014 season atop the team standings in almost every category, while also ranking first nationally in aces per set (0.65). The 2014 First Team AVCA All-American also earned his second consecutive Uvaldo Acosta Memorial EIVA Player of the Year award this past season, making him the first Nittany Lion since Joe Sunder (2011-12) to earn back-to-back conference player of the year honors.

More Nittany Lion returning starters include AVCA All-America honorable mention and first team All-EIVA selection redshirt senior Nick Goodell and redshirt junior Taylor Hammond, who also earned first team All-EIVA accolades. Other returning starters include second team All-EIVA honorees redshirt senior Connor Curry and redshirt junior Matt Seifert.

FRESH FACES ON THE COURT IN 2015

The defending EIVA champion men's volleyball team returns a core group of nine letterwinners and five starters this year, while welcoming four freshmen to the roster. The new additions include 6-1 defensive specialist Royce Clemens from York, Pa., Matthew McLaren, a 6-4 outside from Aurora, Colo., Lee Smith, a 6-6 outside from Sewickley, Pa., and Parker Thompson, a 6-0 DS from State College, Pa.

PSU TO HOST 2016 NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

University Park will be the site of the 2016 National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Championship, marking the sixth time in school history that Rec Hall has hosted the event. Penn State will serve as the host of the vaunted event on May 5-7, 2016.

WHAT'S NEXT?

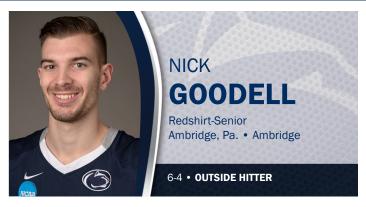
Next up, Penn State continues its seven-match road swing. In week two of the road trip, the Nittany Lions travel to Sacred Heart Friday, Feb. 27 for a 7 p.m. match, before heading to Harvard to take on the Crimson Saturday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.



2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Tallied four digs against No. 8 UC Irvine (1/8) and five against No. 10 Hawaii (1/9) ... Recorded a season-high 17 digs at Ball State (1/16) ... Posted 12 digs against No. 1 Loyola (1/23) ... Totaled a team-high 11 digs in the EIVA opener against Saint Francis (1/31) ... Led the team with a match-high 10 digs against Erskine (2/6) ... Logged 13 digs at No. 12 Ohio State (2/10).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Led the team with 17 digs against No. 7 UCLA (1/9) ... Posted 11 digs at No. 14 Hawaii (1/10) ... Registered five digs against No. 12 Ohio State (1/11) ... Logged eight digs against No. 14 IPFW (1/17) ... Totaled a team-high eight digs against Ball State (1/18) ... Led the team with seven digs against Mount Olive (1/31) ... Posted a squad-best 10 digs in the EIVA opener against Saint Francis (2/1) ... Had seven digs and four assists against No. 14 Ohio State (2/5) ... Recorded a team high 11 digs against NJIT (2/14) ... Registered a team-high seven digs against Rutgers-Newark (2/15) ... Led the team with a team high 14 digs against Harvard (2/22) ... Registered eight digs at No. 14 Ohio State (3/7) ... Posted eight digs against CSUN (3/14) ... Tallied five digs against No. 2 LBSU (3/15) ... Had six digs and three assists at No. 1 Loyola (3/21) ... Registered four digs at No. 10 Lewis (3/22) ... Recorded 10 digs at No. 15 Harvard (4/4) ... Logged 10 digs at Saint Francis (4/12) ... Led the team with eight kills at NJIT (4/19) ... Led the team with a match-high 13 digs against George Mason (4/24) in the EIVA Semifinals ... Had eight digs in the EIVA Championship match against Princeton (4/26) ... Registered a matchhigh 14 digs in the NCAA play-in match against Lewis (4/29).

2014 HONORS: Second Team All-EIVA ... Academic All-EIVA ... Academic All-Big Ten



2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Put down 10 kills against No. 8 UC Irvine (1/8) ... Led the team with 14 kills against No. 10 Hawaii (1/9) ... Notched his first double-double of the season with 15 kills and 14 digs at Ball State (1/16) ... Finished second on the team with 10 kills at No. 13 IPFW (1/17) ... Led the team with a season-high 19 kills against No. 1 Loyola (1/23) ... Recorded 13 kills on 22 errorless swings for a season-high .591 hitting percentage against Mount Olive (1/30) ... Had 12 kills at No. 12 Ohio State (2/10).

2015 HONORS: Springbak/Off The Block Preseason All-American ... EIVA Defensive Player of the Week (1/19).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Finished the season ranked second on the team with 421 kills, averaging 3.79 per set ... Also ranked second on the team in aces (35) ... Recorded 13 kills against No. 7 UCLA (1/10) ... Totaled 19 kills on .455 hitting at No. 14 Hawaii (1/10) ... Tallied his third consecutive double-digit kill match with 13 against No. 12 Ohio State (1/11) ... Registered seven kills and six digs against No. 14 IPFW (1/17) ... Recorded 10 kills, seven digs and one block against Saint Francis (2/1) ... Tallied season high 20 kills on season high .533 hitting with four aces, against No. 14 Ohio State (2/5) ... Totaled 15 kills and six digs against Pfeiffer (2/8) ... Led the team in kills with seven against Rutgers-Newark (2/15) ... Registered two aces, seven kills and a team- high 10 digs against Sacred Heart (2/21) ... Totaled 10 digs and 11 kills against Harvard (2/22) ... Led the team with a career-high 25 kills, four digs at Princeton (2/28) ... Totaled 16 kills, 11 digs, and a season-high five blocks at George Mason (3/1) ... Had a team-high 15 kills and 11 digs for a double-double vs. CSUN (3/14) ... Totaled 10 kills vs. No. 2 LBSU (3/15) ... Tallied 13 kills at No. 1 Loyola (3/21) ... Registered 19 kills, 11 digs and three aces at No. 10 Lewis (3/22) ... Led the team with 20 kills and six digs at Saint Francis (4/12) ... Led the team in kills with 14 at Rutgers-Newark (4/18) ... Registered 17 kills in the EIVA Semifinal match against George Mason (4/24) ... Led the team with 15 kills and five digs in the EIVA Championship match against Princeton (4/26) ... Tallied 18 kills in the NCAA play-in match against Lewis (4/29) ... Led the team with 18 kills in the NCAA national semifinal match against No. 1 Loyola (5/1).

2014 HONORS: AVCA All-American Honorable Mention ... EIVA Championship MVP ... First Team All-EIVA ... Outrigger All-Tournament ... Three-time EIVA Offensive Player of the Week ... EIVA Defensive P.O.T.W. (3/31.).

2015 SEASON HIGHS	
Kills:	N/A
Attacks:	N/A
Hitting Percentage:	N/A
	6, vs. Loyola (1/23)
Aces:	N/A
	17, at Ball State (1/16)
Blocks:	N/A
CAREER HIGHS	
Kills:	
	1, 5x, last vs. CSUN (3/14/14)
Hitting Percentage:	1.000 (1-0-1) vs. CSUN (3/14/14)
Assists:	
Aces:	,
Digs:	21, 2x, last vs. Harvard (1/26/13)
Blocks:	N/A

2015 SEASON HIGHS	
Kills:	
Attacks:	53, vs. Loyola (1/23)
Hitting Percentage:	591 (13-0-22), vs. Mout Olive (1/30)
	2, at Hawaii (1/9)
Aces:	
Digs:	
Blocks:	3 (2x), vs. George Mason (2/14)
CAREER HIGHS	
Kills:	
	48, at George Mason (3/1/14)
Hitting Percentage:	750 (15-0-20) at Harvard (2/17/12)
Assists:	
Aces:	
Digs:	14, at Ball State (1/16/15)
Blocks:	6, vs. Sacred Heart (4/6/12)



2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Led the team with 19 kills on .371 hitting against No. 8 UC Irivne (1/8) ... Posted 10 kills, three aces and eight digs at Hawaii (1/9) ... Put down a career-high 32 kills on .439 hitting at Ball State (1/16) ... Led the team with 20 kills at No. 13 IPFW (1/17) ... Recorded a match-high 23 kills against No. 2 Lewis (1/24) to go along with three aces and nine digs ... Led the team with 17 kills on .625 hitting in the EIVA opener vs. Saint Francis (1/31) ... Tied for first on the team with 12 kills against Erskine (2/6), adding three blocks ... Notched 14 kills, four digs and three blocks at No. 12 Ohio State (2/10) ... Posted a match-high 17 kills vs. George Mason (2/14).

2015 HONORS: Springbak/Off The Block Preseason All-American ... Outrigger Invitational All-Tournament team ... EIVA Offensive Player of the Week (2/1).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Registered a team-high 19 kills against No. 7 UCLA (1/9) ... Posted 16 kills, four aces and two digs at No. 14 Hawaii (1/10) ... Recorded his third double-digit kill performance of the season with 10 kills against No. 12 Ohio State (1/11) ... Recorded his first double-double of the season against No. 14 IPFW (1/17), with 12 kills and 10 digs ... Set a season-high mark with 21 kills against Ball State (1/18) ... Led the team with 16 kills against Saint Francis (2/1), adding 11 digs for a double-double ... Registered 16 kills, tallying career high five aces against No. 14 Ohio State (2/5) ... Notched 13 kills on .667 hitting against Erskine (2/7) ... Posted a team-high 17 kills against Pfeiffer (2/8) ... Led the team with four aces against Rutgers-Newark (2/15) ... Posted a team-high 16 kills on .696 hitting against Sacred Heart (2/21) ... Tallied 17 kills and a team-high 10 digs at Princeton (2/28) ... Led the team with five aces and a double-double (13k, 13d) at George Mason (3/1) ... Ranked first on the squad with 20 kills at No. 14 Ohio State (3/7) ... Led the team with 11 kills at No. 2 LBSU (3/15) ... Led the team with 18 kills at No. 1 Loyola (3/21) ... Tallied a team-high 22 kills against No. 10 Lewis (3/22) Tallied nine kills, six aces at Sacred Heart (4/5) ... Notched 16 kills and a career-high seven aces at Saint Francis (4/12) ... Posted 10 kills at Rutgers-Newark (4/18) ... Had 20 kills against George Mason in the EIVA Semifinals (4/24) ... Notched 14 kills in the EIVA Championship match against Princeton (4/26) ... Pounded a team-high 20 kills in the NCAA play-in match against Lewis (4/29) ... Registered a double-double with 15 kills and 10 digs at No. 1 Loyola (5/1) in the national semis.

2014 HONORS: AVCA First Team All-American ... EIVA All-Tournament Team ... Uvaldo Acosta Memorial EIVA Player of the Year ... First Team All-EIVA ... Fourtime EIVA Offensive Player of the Week.

2015 SEASON HIGHS	
	32, at Ball State (1/16)
	57, at Ball State (1/16)
Hitting Percentage:	531 (20-3-32), at IPFW (1/17)
Assists:	
	3, 3x last vs. Lewis (1/24)
	9, 2x last vs. Lewis (1/24)
Blocks	
CAREER HIGHS	
Kills:	32, at Ball State (1/16/15)
	57 at Ball State (1/16/15)
0	778 (7-0-9), 2x, last vs. Harvard (2/17/12)
	3 at NJIT (3/23/12)
BIOCKS:	8 vs. Sacred Heart (4/6/12)

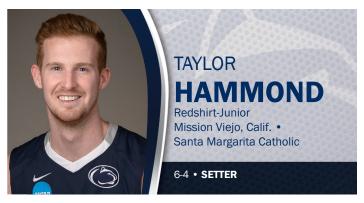


2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Had four kills and three blocks against No. 8 UC Irvine (1/8) ... Tallied one kill, one ace and two blocks against No. 10 Hawaii (1/9) ... Had a season-high nine kills at Ball State (1/16), adding a team-high three blocks ... Posted a season-high four blocks against Mount Olive (1/30).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Played in every single match during the 2014 season, finishing second on the squad in blocks (78), averaging 0.71 per set ... Posted nine kills, one ace and three blocks against No. 7 UCLA (1/9) ... Totaled five kills and three blocks against No. 14 IPFW (1/17) ... Logged three kills and two aces against Ball State (1/18) ... Tallied four kills, two digs and five blocks against Mount Olive (1/31) ... Contributed three kills, one ace, and three blocks against No. 14 Ohio State (2/5) ... Posted six kills on .400 hitting, adding one dig and one block against Pfeiffer (2/8) ... Recorded four kills, one ace, one dig, and four blocks against NJIT (2/14) ... Recorded five kills, one ace and two blocks against Sacred Heart (2/21) ... Contributed seven kills on .600 hitting, adding two digs against Harvard (2/22) ... Totaled three kills, and a team-high five blocks at Princeton (2/28) ... Led the team with six aces and six blocks as well as 12 kills on .688 hitting at George Mason (3/1) ... Tallied 10 kills on .714 hitting at No. 2 LBSU (3/15) ... Collected six digs and two blocks against No. 10 Lewis (3/22) Posted four kills, two aces and a team-high four blocks at Saint Francis (4/12) ... Had six kills while leading the team with a .556 hitting percentage as well as contributing two digs and four blocks at NJIT (4/19) ... Tallied eight kills on .778 hitting, adding two aces in the EIVA Semifinals against George Mason (4/24) ... Posted five kills on seven errorless swings, adding two aces in the EIVA Championship against Princeton (4/26) ... Posted seven kills and three blocks in the NCAA play-in match against Lewis (4/29) ... Led the team with three blocks in the NCAA national semifinal match against No. 1 Loyola (5/1).

2014 HONORS: Second Team All-EIVA ... EIVA Defensive Player of the Week (3/3) ... Active Ankle Challenge All-Tournament (3/15).

2015 SEASON HIGHS	
Kills:	9, at Ball State (1/16)
Attacks:	
	316 (9-3-19) at Ball State (1/16)
Assists:	
	2, at IPFW (1/17)
	3, vs. Lewis (1/24)
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CAREER HIGHS	
Kills:	
	3 (8-3-12) vs. Sacred Hear (2/22/14)
	1, 3x, last vs. Ohio State (1/11/14)
BIOCKS:	8 vs. Princeton (2/23/13)



2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Dished out 33 assists against No. 8 UC Irvine (1/8) ... Had 24 assists, two digs and a block at No. 10 Hawaii (1/9) ... Dished out a career-high 60 assists to go along with five digs at Ball State (1/16) ... Recorded a double-double with 47 assists and a career-high 14 digs vs. No. 1 Loyola (1/23) ... Paced the team to a season-high .425 hitting clip vs. Mount Olive, adding a team-high nine digs ... Directed the team to a .500 hitting percentage against Erskine (2/6), matching a career-high mark with three blocks ... Recorded a career-high five blocks at No. 12 Ohio State (2/10).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Paced the squad to a .307 hitting clip in 2014, which closed out the season ranked eighth nationally and first in the conference ... Dished out 54 assists against No. 7 UCLA (1/9), adding five blocks ... Paced the Nittany Lions to a .325 hitting clip against No. 14 Hawaii, distributing 52 assists ... Posted four digs against No. 12 Ohio State (1/11), while also adding 44 assists ... Led the team to a .322 hitting clip against No. 14 IPFW (1/17), passing out 35 assists ... Had 40 assists and seven digs against Ball State (1/18) ... Dished out 32 assists against Saint Francis (2/1) ... Contributed four digs against No. 14 Ohio State (2/5), while also adding 47 assists ... Tallied 40 assists and six digs against Pfeiffer (2/8) ... Contributed one kill, 14 assists, and two digs against Rutgers-Newark (2/15) ... Recorded, 42 assists against Sacred Heart (2/21) ... Registered four digs and 31 assists against Harvard (2/22) ... Dished out 50 assists while adding four digs at Princeton (2/28) ... Distributed 49 assists to go along with five digs at George Mason (3/1) ... Passed out 44 assists at No. 14 Ohio State (3/7), adding nine digs ... Had four digs and 38 assists vs. CSUN (3/14) ... Totaled 36 assists and four digs at No. 2 LBSU (3/15) ... Dished out 41 assists and seven digs at No. 1 Loyola (3/21) ... Recorded 50 assists and 11 digs at No. 10 Lewis (3/22) for his first double-double of the season ... Tallied one four digs and 34 assists against George Mason (3/29) ... Recorded 38 assists and seven digs at No. 15 Harvard (4/4) ... Tallied 28 assists, four digs and two blocks at Sacred Heart ... Paced the team to a .388 hitting clip at Saint Francis (4/12), dishing out 54 assists ... Dished out 53 assists and six digs in the EIVA semis against GMU (4/24) ... Had 38 assists in the EIVA Championship against Princeton (4/26) ... Passed out a career-high 61 assists in the NCAA play-in match against Lewis (4/29) ... Logged 44 assists and five digs in the NCAA national semifinal match at No. 1 Loyola (5/1).

2014 HONORS: First Team All-EIVA

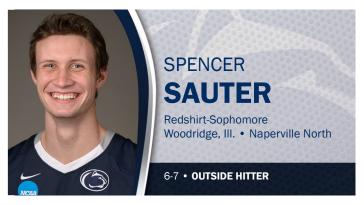
4, vs. Lewis (1/24)
750 (3-0-4), vs. Lewis (1/24)
60, at Ball State (1/17)
14, vs. Loyola (1/23)
5, vs. Ohio State (2/10)
3, 3x last vs. Lewis (1/24/15)
6 vs. Lewis (1/18/13)
750 (3-0-4), vs. Lewis (1/24/15)
60 at Ball State (1/17/15)
2, at Saint Francis (3/23/13)
14, vs. Loyola (1/23/15)
3, 6x last vs. Erskine (2/6/15)



2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Made his 2015 debut against No. 8 UC Irvine (1/8) ... Posted seven assists and one dig at No. 10 Hawaii (1/9) ... Had one ace at Ball State (1/16) ... Posted one dig against Erskine (2/6).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Saw action on the court against No. 7 UCLA (1/9) and at No. 14 Hawaii (1/10) ... Recorded one dig against No. 12 Ohio State (1/11) ... Played against No. 14 IPFW (1/17) and Ball State (1/18) ... Had three assists against Mount Olive (1/31) ... Tallied eight assists in the EIVA opener against Saint Francis (2/1) ... Played against No. 14 Ohio State (2/5) ... Dished out a career-high 22 assists against Erskine (2/7), adding three digs and one block \dots Totaled one dig against Pfeiffer (2/8) ... Contributed 13 assists along with one block against NJIT (2/14) ... Recorded a team-high 17 assists and set a season high with one service ace and two blocks against Rutgers-Newark (2/15) ... Posted one dig against Harvard (2/22) ... Tallied one kill at Princeton (2/28) ... Saw action on the court at George Mason (3/1) and No. 14 Ohio State (3/7) ... Notched one dig vs. CSUN (3/14) ... Played at No. 2 LBSU (3/15) ... Saw action on the court at No. 1 Loyola (3/21) ... Collected one dig at No. 10 Lewis (3/22) ... Contributed one ace against Princeton (3/28) ... Collected one dig against George Mason (3/29) ... Played at No. 15 Harvard (4/4) ... Saw action on the court in the EIVA semifinals against George Mason (4/24) ... Played in the NCAA play-in match against Lewis (4/29) ... Registered two digs in the NCAA national semifinal match at No. 1 Loyola (5/1).

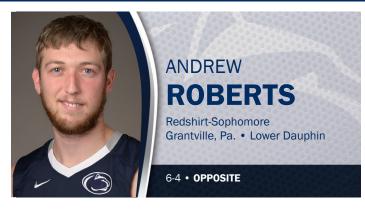
2015 SEASON HIGHS	
Kills:	N/A
Attacks:	N/A
Hitting Percentage:	N/A
Assists:	7, at Hawaii (1/9)
Aces:	1, at Ball State (1/16)
	N/A
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CAREER HIGHS	
Kills:	. 1, 2x, last at Princeton (2/28/14)
	1, 3x last at Princeton (2/28/14)
	N/A
	2 at Rutgers-Newark (3/1/13)
	3, 2x last vs. Erskine (2/7/14)
	2 vs. Rutgers-Newark (2/15/14)
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2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Had one ace and three blocks against No. 8 UC Irvine (1/8) ... Matched a career-high mark with seven kills on .462 hitting at No. 10 Hawaii (1/9), while also adding seven digs ... Had a career-high night with nine kills and 10 digs at Ball State (1/16) ... Recorded a career-high 14 kills against No. 1 Loyola, adding nine digs and a team-high five blocks.

2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Had one dig against No. 7 UCLA (1/9) ... Posted one kill and two digs at No. 14 Hawaii (1/10) ... Played against No. 12 Ohio State (1/11), No. 14 IPFW (1/17) and Ball State (1/18) ... Led the team with a career-high seven kills on .875 hitting against Mount Olive (1/31), adding one dig and three blocks ... Had one dig in the EIVA opener against Saint Francis (2/1) ... Played against No. 14 Ohio State (2/5) ... Had one kill and one block against Erskine (2/7) ... Played against Pfeiffer (2/8) ... Tallied six kills on .556 hitting, one ace and two digs against NJIT (2/14) ... Totaled five kills, two digs and one block against Rutgers-Newark (2/15) ... Saw action on the court at Princeton (2/28) and George Mason (3/1) ... Played at No. 1 Loyola (3/21) and at No. 10 Lewis (3/22) ... Saw action against George Mason (3/29)... Competed against Sacred Heart (4/5)... Posted four kills, one service ace, and two digs at Rutgers-Newark (4/18)...Tallied one kill and two digs at NJIT (4/19).

2013 (Freshman): Redshirt season.



2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Tied for first on the team with a career-high two aces against No. 8 UC Irvine (1/8) ... Had one dig at No. 10 Hawaii (1/9) and at No. 13 IPFW (1/13) ... Matched a career-high mark with two aces in the EIVA opener against Saint Francis (1/31).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Made his collegiate debut against Mount Olive (1/31) ... Played against Saint Francis (2/1) and No. 14 Ohio State (2/5) ... Saw action on the court against Erskine (2/7) and Pfeiffer (2/8) ... Posted one ace, two digs and one kill against NJIT (2/14) ... Tallied a career-high three kills as well as one dig and one block against Rutgers-Newark (2/15) ... Totaled one kill, one ace and one dig at No. 14 Ohio State (3/7) ... Recorded one ace vs. CSUN (3/14) ... Registered one dig at No. 2 LBSU (3/15) ... Saw action against No. 10 Lewis (3/22) Contributed one ace against Princeton (3/28) ... Collected one dig against George Mason (3/29) ... Played at No. 15 Harvard (4/4) ... Saw action on the court in the EIVA semifinals against George Mason (4/24) ... Played in the NCAA play-in match against Lewis (4/29).

2013 (Freshman): Redshirt season.

2015 SEASON HIGHS	
Kills:	14, vs. Loyola (1/23
Attacks:	36, vs. Loyola (1/23
Hitting Percentage:	294 (7-2-17), at Hawaii (1/9
Assists:	1, 2x last vs. Loyola (1/23
Aces:	1, 3x last vs. Loyola (1/23
Digs:	10, at Ball State (1/16
Blocks:	5, vs. Loyola (1/23
CAREER HIGHS	
Kills:	
Attacks:	36, vs. Loyola (1/23/15
Hitting Percentage:	294 (7-2-17), at Hawaii (1/9/15
Assists:	1, 4x last vs. Loyola (1/23/15
Aces:	1, 3x last vs. Loyola (1/23/15
Digs:	10, at Ball State (1/16/15
Blocks:	5, vs. Loyola (1/23/15
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2015 SEASON HIGHS	
Kills:	N/A
	N/A
Hitting Percentage:	
	N/A
Aces:	
Digs:	
Blocks:	N/A
CAREER HIGHS	
	5 vs. Rutgers-Newark (2/15/14)
Hitting Percentage:	
Assists:	
Hitting Percentage:	



2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Had three kills on .500 hitting and two blocks against No. 8 UC Irvine (1/8) ... Totaled five kills and a team-high four blocks at No. 10 Hawaii (1/9) ... Finished tied for second on the team with two blocks at No. 13 IPFW (1/17) ... Ranked second on the team with four blocks against No. 1 Loyola (1/23) ... Had a career-high 11 kills on .562 hitting against No. 2 Lewis (1/24) ... Served up a career-high two aces against Mount Olive (1/30) ... Matched a season-high mark with four blocks against George Mason (2/14).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Recorded six kills on 11 errorless swings against No. 7 UCLA (1/9), adding four digs and one block ... Tallied eight kills, one dig and a team-high three blocks against No. 14 Hawaii (1/10) Notched five kills one dig and three total blocks against No. 12 Ohio State (1/11) ... Logged seven kills on .500 hitting against No. 14 IPFW (1/17), adding two blocks ... Registered four kills and a career-high five blocks against Ball State (1/18) ... Posted five kills on .500 hitting against Mount Olive (1/31), adding a team-high six blocks ... Totaled three kills, one dig and three blocks against Saint Francis (2/1) Contributed seven kills with a .417 hitting percentage and seven blocks against No. 14 Ohio State ... Tallied four kills, one dig and two blocks against Erskine (2/7) ... Tied a career high with eight kills, adding six blocks against NJIT (2/14) ... Recorded five kills and four blocks against Sacred Heart (2/21) ... Totaled five kills, two digs and three blocks against Harvard (2/22) ... Tallied six kills, at Princeton (2/28) ... Contributed five kills at George Mason (3/1) ... Posted four kills at No. 14 Ohio State (3/7) ... Recorded three kills and two blocks vs. CSUN (3/14) ... Registered seven kills and two digs at No. 2 LBSU (3/15) ... Posted seven kills at No. 1 Loyola (3/21) ... Tallied four kills at No. 10 Lewis (3/22) ... Recorded three kills and three blocks at No. 15 Harvard (4/4) ... Tallied three blocks at Sacred Heart (4/5) ... Notched six kills at Saint Francis (4/12) ... Posted three kills, one service ace, and three blocks at NJIT (4/19) ... Notched three digs and a team-high four blocks in the EIVA semis against GMU (4/24) ... Posted three digs and two blocks in the EIVA championship against Princeton (4/26) ... Logged six kills and a team-high five blocks in the NCAA play-in match against Lewis (4/29).

2014 HONORS: Off the Block Blog National Freshman of the Week (2/17) ... Active Ankle All-Tournament (3/15).



2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Had two kills on .333 hitting against No. 8 UC Irvine (1/8) ... Played at No. 10 Hawaii (1/9) ... Had a career-high five kills at No. 13 IPFW (1/17) ... Had a career-high performance against Mount Olive (1/30), leading the team with 16 kills, three aces, five digs and two blocks ... Set a career-high mark with seven aces in the EIVA opener against Saint Francis (1/31) ... Tied for first on the team with 12 kills against Erskine (2/6), adding two aces and a career-high five blocks.

2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Made his collegiate debut on the court against No. 7 UCLA (1/9) ... Had two kills against Mount Olive (1/31) ... Had one kill against NJIT (2/14) ... Recorded four kills against Rutgers-Newark (2/15) ... Posted one kill and two digs at No. 14 Ohio State (3/7) ... Pounded three kills and two digs at No. 2 LBSU (3/15) ... Posted seven kills, one ace, one dig, and two blocks at Rutgers-Newark (4/18) ... Recorded two kills, two digs, and two blocks at NJIT (4/19) ... Played in the NCAA play-in match against Lewis (4/29).

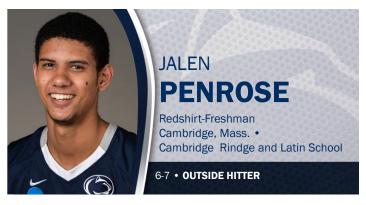
2015 SEASON HIGHS	
Kills:	16, vs. Mount Olive (1/30)
Attacks:	22, vs. Mount Olive (1/30)
Hitting Percentage:	500 (16-5-22), vs. Mount Olive (1/30)
Assists:	1. 2x last, vs. Saint Francis (1/31)
Aces:	7, vs. Saint Francis (1/31)
Digs:	5, vs. Mount Olive (1/30)
Blocks:	5, vs. Erskine (2/6)
CAREER HIGHS	
Kills:	16, vs. Mount Olive (1/30/15)
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	500 (16-5-22), vs. Mount Olive (1/30/15)
Assists:	
Aces:	
Digs:	5, vs. Mount Olive (1/30/15)
Blocks:	5, vs. Erskine (2/6/15)

2015 SEASON HIGHS	
Kills:	wis (1/24)
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	
Assists: 2, vs. Le	
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CAREER HIGHS	
Kills:	(1/24/15)
Attacks: 17 at Hawaii (
Hitting Percentage:625 (6-1-8) at Princeton (
Assists:	(1/24/15)
Aces: 1 at NJIT ((4/19/14)
Digs: 4 vs. UCLA	
Blocks:	



2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Has not played in any matches this season.

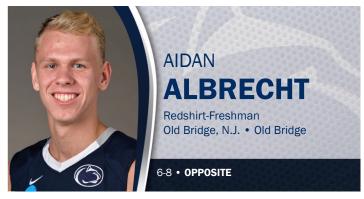
2013 (Freshman): Redshirt season.



2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Had one kill in his collegiate debut vs. No. 8 UC Irvine (1/8) ... Had one dig at Ball State (1/16) and Three kills and one dig at No. 13 IPFW (1/17).

2014 (Freshman): Redshirt season.

2015 SEASON HIGHS	
Kills:	IPFW (1/17)
Attacks: 8, at	
Hitting Percentage:	
Assists:	
Aces:	
Digs:	IPFW (1/17)
Blocks:	N/A
CAREER HIGHS	
Kills:	V (1/17/15)
Attacks:	W (1/17/15)
Hitting Percentage:	N/A
Assists:	N/A
Aces:	N/A
Digs:	W (1/17/15)
Blocks:	N/A



2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Made his collegiate debut with two kills, two blocks and one dig in the 2015 EIVA opener against Saint Francis (1/31) ... Recorded his second consecutive start against Erskine (2/6), posted two kills and a season-high four blocks ... Posted a career-high five kills against George Mason (2/14).

2014 (Freshman): Redshirt season.

2015 SEASON HIGHS	5, vs. George Mason (2/14)
Assists:	
Blocks:	4, vs. Erskine (2/6)
CAREER HIGHS	
	5, vs. George Mason (2/14/15)
	375 (5-2-8) vs. George Mason (2/14/15)
	1, 3x last vs. George Mason (2/14/15)
Blocks:	4, vs. Erskine (2/6/15)

MEET THE NEWCOMERS

LEE **SMITH**

OH | Freshman | Sewickley, Pa.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Has not played in any matches this season.

HIGH SCHOOL

Helped guide high school team (Ambridge) to WPIAL titles in 2012 and 2013 as well as a second-place finish in the 2013 PIAA tournament and a third-place finish at the 2012 PIAA tournament ... 2012 team caption and three-time MVP from 2011-13 at Ambridge ... Played club with Beaver Valley Premier ... Has also played at USAV High Performance championships earning three silver medals at the national division ... Competed in 2013 Boys' Youth National volleyball training camp after playing on the 2012 team that competed in the 2012 NORCECA Boys' Youth Continental Championship.

ROYCE **CLEMENS**

L | Freshman | York, Pa.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Has not played in any matches this season.

HIGH SCHOOL

Earned Pennsylvania District 3-AAA and PIAA all-star honors in 2012 ... Led York Central to a PIAA championship in 2012.

MATTHEW McLAREN

OH | Freshman | Aurora, Colo.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Has not played in any matches this season.

HIGH SCHOOL

Led his high school team, Cherokee Trail, to a state title in 2014.

PARKER THOMPSON

L | Freshman | State College, Pa.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Has not played in any matches this season.

HIGH SCHOOL

Played high school volleyball at State College High School in State College ... Had 40 digs against Norwin in the Mid-Penn Commonwealth Division of District Six playoffs to advance to the quarterfinals of the PIAA boys' volleyball tournament.

Penn State Combined Team Statistics (as of Feb 17, 2015) All matches

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	4-7	4-2	0-4	0-1
CONFERENCE	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-7	2-2	0-4	0-1

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##	Player	sp	k	k/s	е	ta	pct	а	a/s	sa	se	sa/s	re	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s	be	bhe	points
17	Callaway, Matt	40	55	1.38	11	105	.419	6	0.15	2	11	0.05	0	11	0.28	1	29	30	0.75	1	0	72.5
8	Russell, Aaron	40	186	4.65	51	363	.372	3	0.08	17	28	0.43	13	70	1.75	8	16	24	0.60	3	1	219.0
10	Nugent, Chris	23	53	2.30	27	111	.234	2	0.09	12	10	0.52	4	21	0.91	1	6	7	0.30	1	0	69.0
4	Goodell, Nick	40	135	3.38	64	343	.207	5	0.12	7	29	0.17	0	75	1.88	2	16	18	0.45	1	1	152.0
11	Sauter, Spencer	22	34	1.55	17	105	.162	2	0.09	3	7	0.14	7	36	1.64	1	13	14	0.64	1	0	44.5
18	Seifert, Matt	28	28	1.00	17	68	.162	2	0.07	6	17	0.21	1	9	0.32	2	15	17	0.61	0	0	43.5
1	Hammond, Taylor	40	8	0.20	5	19	.158	431	10.77	1	6	0.03	2	60	1.50	1	15	16	0.40	2	1	17.5
15	Albrecht, Aiden	12	9	0.75	6	21	.143	1	0.08	1	14	0.08	0	3	0.25	0	11	11	0.92	2	1	15.5
7	Roberts, Andrew	21	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	4	8	0.19	0	2	0.10	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	4.0
2	Parik, Zack	29	0	0.00	0	0	.000	8	0.28	1	3	0.03	0	4	0.14	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
3	Curry, Connor	40	0	0.00	0	0	.000	26	0.65	0	0	0.00	20	104	2.60	0	0	0	0.00	0	3	0.0
14	Penrose, Jalen	10	4	0.40	5	11	091	0	0.00	0	2	0.00	0	2	0.20	0	0	0	0.00	2	0	4.0
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	PENN STATE	40	512	12.80	203	1146	.270	486	12.15	54	135	1.35	47	397	9.93	16	121	76.5	1.91	13	7	642.5
	Opponents	40	482	12.05	174	1104	.279	452	11.30	47	145	1.17	54	359	8.98	14	176	102.0	2.55	14	10	631.0

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Team Statistics ATTACK	PSU	<u>OPP</u>
Kills	512	482
		462 174
Errors Total Attacks	203 1146	1104
Attack Pct	.270	.279
Kills/Set	12.8	12.1
SET	400	450
Assists	486	452
Assists/Set	12.1	11.3
SERVE		
Aces	54	47
Errors	135	145
Aces/Set	1.4	1.2
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	47	54
Errors/Set	1.2	1.4
DEFENSE		
Digs	397	359
Digs/Set	9.9	9.0
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	16	14
Block Assist	121	176
Total Blocks	76.5	102.0
Blocks/Set	1.9	2.5
Block Errors	13	14
Ball handling errors	7	10
ATTENDANCE		
Total	5204	6170
Dates/Avg Per Date	6/867	4/1542
Neutral site #/Avg	1/0	
Current win streak	1	
Home win streak	4	-
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Date	Opponent		Score	Score by set	Att.
Jan 08	vs #8 UC Irvine	L	2-3	17-25,18-25,25-18,25-22,7-15	0
Jan 09	at #10 Hawai'i	L	0-3	24-26,19-25,18-25	2893
Jan 16	at Ball State	L	2-3	31-29,25-22,24-26,19-25,12-15	1513
Jan 17	at #13 IPFW	L	1-3	26-24,20-25,21-25,19-25	1316
Jan 23	#1 LOYOLA	L	1-3	26-28,24-26,25-23,21-25	902
Jan 24	#2 LEWIS	L	1-3	18-25,25-18,22-25,20-25	650
Jan 30	MOUNT OLIVE	W	3-0	25-18,25-11,25-10	761
*Jan 31	SAINT FRANCIS	W	3-0	25-18,25-18,25-18	1721
Feb 06	ERSKINE	W	3-0	25-17,25-14,25-19	650
Feb 10	at #12 Ohio State	L	0-3	24-26,22-25,23-25	448
*Feb 14	GEORGE MASON	W	3-0	26-24,26-24,25-18	520

Record in 3-set matches: 4-2 Record in 4-set matches: 0-3 Record in 5-set matches: 0-2

2015 SCHEDULE & RESULTS (4-7, 2-0 EIVA)

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	SET SCORES	SITE	ATT.	RECORD	TIME
1/8	#8 UC Irvine@	L	3-2	17-25, 18-25, 25-18, 25-22, 15-7	Honolulu, Hawaii		0-1	2:08
1/9	#10 Hawaii@	L	3-0	24-26, 19-25, 18-25	Honolulu, Hawaii	2,750	0-2	2:10
1/16	Ball State	L	3-2	31-29, 25-22, 24-26, 19-25, 12-15	Muncie, Ind.	1,513	0-3	2:31
1/17	#13 IPFW	L	3-1	26-24, 20-25, 21-25, 19-25	Fort Wayne, Ind.	1,316	0-4	2:00
1/23	#1 Loyola	L	3-1	26-27, 24-26, 25-23, 21-25	University Park, Pa.	902	0-5	2:07
1/24	#2 Lewis	L	3-1	18-25, 25-18, 22-25, 20-25	University Park, Pa.	650	0-6	1:54
1/30	Mount Olive	W	3-0	25-18, 25-11, 25-10	University Park, Pa.	761	1-6	1:11
1/31	Saint Francis	W	3-0	25-18, 25-18, 25-18	University Park, Pa.	1,721	2-6	1:14
2/6	Erskine	W	3-0	25-17, 25-14, 25-19	University Park, Pa.	650	3-6	1:10
2/10	#12 Ohio State	L	3-0	24-26, 22-25, 23-25	Columbus, Ohio	448	3-7	1:30
2/14	George Mason	W	3-0	26-24, 26-24, 25-18	University Park, Pa.	520	4-7	1:26

^{@ -} indicates match played at the Outrigger Invitational in Honolulu, Hawaii

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER MATCH-BY-MATCH HIGHS

DATE	OPPONENT	KILLS	ATTACKS	ASSISTS	DIGS	TOTAL BLOCKS
Jan. 8	No. 8 UC Irvine	Russell - 19	Russell -35	Hammond - 33	Russell - 9	Sauter - 3
						Seifert - 3
Jan. 9	No. 10 Hawaii	Goodell - 14	Goodell - 32	Hammond - 24	Russell - 8	Callaway - 4
Jan. 16	Ball State	Russell -32	Russell - 57	Hammond - 60	Curry - 17	Seifert - 3
						Russell - 3
Jan. 17	No. 13 IPFW	Russell - 20	Russell -32	Hammond - 40	Curry - 9	Goodell - 3
Jan. 23	No. 1 Loyola	Goodell - 19	Goodell - 53	Hammond - 47	Curry - 12	Sauter - 5
Jan. 24	No. 2 Lewis	Russell - 23	Goodell - 45	Hammond - 52	Russell - 9	Sauter - 2
					Sauter - 9	
Jan. 30	Mount Olive	Nugent - 16	Nugent - 22	Hammond -36	Hammond - 9	Seifert - 4
			Goodell - 22			
Jan. 31	Saint Francis	Russell - 17	Russell - 24	Hammond - 33	Curry - 11	Russell - 3
Feb. 6	Erskine	Russell - 12	Russell - 23	Hammond - 32	Curry - 10	Nugent - 5
		Nugent - 12				Callaway - 5
Feb. 10	No. 12 Ohio State	Russell - 14	Goodell - 31	Hammond - 33	Curry - 13	Hammond - 5
Feb. 14	George Mason	Russell - 17	Russell - 33	Hammond - 41	Curry - 9	Callaway - 4
TOTALS	(INCLUDING TIES)					
	,	Russell - 8	Russell - 6	Hammond - 11	Russell - 3	Sauter - 3
		Goodell - 2	Goodell - 5		Curry - 7	Seifert - 4
		Nugent - 2			Sauter - 2	Callaway - 4
					Hammond - 1	Russell - 2
						Goodell - 1
						Hammond - 1

TEAM MATCH-BY-MATCH STAT COMPARISON

DATE	OPPONENT	SETS	KILLS	HITTING %	ACES	DIGS	TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS	TOTAL PTS SCORED*
Jan. 8	UC Irvine/PSU	5	57/39	.352/.140	9/7	29/27	13.0/7.0	79.0/53.0
Jan. 9	Hawaii/PSU	3	37/41	.322/.170	4/4	34/33	7.5/9.0	54.0/48.5
Jan. 16	Ball State/PSU	5	66/68	.331/.265	8/5	52/54	13.0/6.5	87.0/79.5
Jan. 17	IPFW/PSU	4	51/46	.430/.242	8/6	28/26	12.5/5.5	71.5/57.5
Jan. 23	Loyola/PSU	4	62/58	.287/.226	5/2	58/54	14.0/7.5	81.0/67.5
Jan. 24	Lewis/PSU	4	57/62	.380/.303	3/4	41/45	12.5/2.0	72.5/68.0
Jan. 30	Mount Olive/PSU	3	19/42	.053/.425	0/9	15/39	5.0/7.5	24.0/58.5
Jan. 31	Saint Francis/PSU	3	28/37	.203/.300	1/10	23/27	5.0/5.5	34.0/52.5
Feb. 6	Erskine/PSU	3	29/38	.118/.500	5/5	23/24	3.0/11.0	37.0/54.0
Feb. 10	Ohio State/PSU	3	44/39	.276/.235	2/0	36/35	6.0/8.5	52.0/47.5
Feb. 14	George Mason/PSU	3	28/46	.136/.292	2/2	20/33	9.0/8.0	39.0/56.0

2015 PENN STATE SI	UPERLATIVES	
	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Kills:	17, 2x last - Aaron Russell vs. George Mason (2/14)	
	33 - Nick Goodell vs. George Mason (2/14)	
	625 (17-2-24) - Aaron Russell vs. Saint Francis (1/31)	
	41 - Taylor Hammond vs. George Mason (2/14)	
	7 - Chris Nugent vs. Saint Francis (1/31)	
	13 - Connor Curry vs. George Mason (2/14)	
Solo Blocks:	2 - Aaron Russell vs. George Mason (2/14)	
	5 - Matt Callaway vs. Erskine (2/6)	
	5 - Chris Nugent and Matt Callaway vs. Erskine (2/6)	
	INDIVIDUAL	
Kills:	23 - Aaron Russell vs. Lewis (1/24)	
Attacks:	44 - Aaron Russell vs. Lewis (1/24)	155 - vs. Loyola (1/23)
	562 (11-2-16) Matt Callaway vs. Lewis (1/24)	
	52 - Taylor Hammond vs. Lewis (1/24)	
Aces:	3 - Aaron Russell vs. Lewis (1/24)	6 - at IPFW (1/17)
Digs:	12 - Connor Curry vs. Loyola (1/23)	54 - vs. Loyola (1/23)
	4 - Spencer Sauter and Matt Seifert vs. Loyola (1/23)	
	5 - Spencer Sauter vs. Loyola (1/23)	
FIVE SETS	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
	32 - Aaron Russell at Ball State (1/16)	
Attacks:	57 - Aaron Russell at Ball State (1/16)	
	439 (32-7-57) - Aaron Russell at Ball State (1/16)	
	60 - Taylor Hammond - at Ball State (1/16)	
	3 - Aaron Russell at Ball State (1/16)	
	17 - Connor Curry at Ball State (1/16)	
	1, 2x last - Aaron Russel & Nick Goodell at Ball State (1/16)	
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	INDIVIDUAL	
Kills:	16 - Nicolas Szerszen, Ohio State (2/14)	
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