



# PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## SIX-TIME NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

### 33 NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES | 16 BIG TEN TITLES

#### 2014 SCHEDULE & RECORD

**Overall:** 0-0 (Home: 0-0, Away: 0-0, Neutral: 0-0)

**Big Ten:** 0-0 (Home: 0-0, Away: 0-0)

#### AUGUST

Penn State Classic

29	vs. TCU	5 p.m.
30	vs. IONA	7:30 p.m.
39	vs. WILLIAM & MARY	7 p.m.

#### SEPTEMBER

Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge

5	at Stanford#	9 p.m.
6	vs. UCLA	8 p.m.

Villanova Classic

12	vs. American	2:30 p.m.
12	at Villanova	7:30 p.m.
13	vs. Yale	Noon
13	vs. Kansas	5:30 p.m.

Penn State Alumni Classic%

19	vs. EASTERN ILLINOIS	4 p.m.
19	vs. DEPAUL	7:30 p.m.
20	vs. UIC	9 a.m.
20	vs. EAST CAROLINA	7:30 p.m.
24	at Wisconsin*#	7:30 p.m.
27	at Minnesota*#	8 p.m.

#### OCTOBER

3	at Nebraska*#	8 p.m.
4	at Iowa*	8 p.m.
8	vs. NORTHWESTERN*#	7:30 p.m.
11	vs. ILLINOIS*	4 p.m.
17	at Purdue*#	8 p.m.
18	at Indiana*	7 p.m.
24	vs. MICHIGAN*#	7 p.m.
25	vs. MICHIGAN STATE*	5:30 p.m.
28	vs. OHIO STATE*#	8 p.m.
31	at Ohio State*	7 p.m.

#### NOVEMBER

7	vs. RUTGERS*	7 p.m.
8	vs. MARYLAND*	7 p.m.
12	vs. IOWA*	7 p.m.
15	vs. MINNESOTA*	7 p.m.
19	at Michigan*	7 p.m.
22	at Maryland*	7 p.m.
26	at Northwestern*	8 p.m.
29	vs. NEBRASKA*#	8:30 p.m.

#### DECEMBER

5-6	NCAA First/Second Rounds	TBA
12-13	NCAA Regionals	
	(Ames, Louisville, Seattle, Minneapolis)	
18-20	NCAA Championship	Oklahoma City Okla.

Home matches played at Rec Hall in CAPS • All times EST and subject to change • \* Indicates Big Ten match • # indicates match will be aired on TV • % Indicates Penn State Women in Sports celebration

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### WEEK 1: PENN STATE CLASSIC

Friday, Aug. 29 - Saturday, Aug. 30 | Rec Hall

PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS	TCU HORNED FROGS	IONA GAELS	WILLIAM & MARY TRIBE
<b>2013 record:</b> 34-2 <b>Big Ten:</b> 19-1 <b>National Rank:</b> #1 <b>Head coach:</b> Russ Rose <b>Overall Record/Yrs:</b> 1,125 - 177/35	<b>2013 record:</b> 16-15 <b>Big 12:</b> 4-12 <b>National Rank:</b> N/A Last meeting: N/A <b>Head coach:</b> Prentice Lewis <b>Overall Record/Yrs:</b> 228-159/12	<b>2013 record:</b> 16-14 <b>MAAC:</b> 13-5 <b>National Rank:</b> N/A Last meeting: N/A <b>Head coach:</b> Jon Killingbeck <b>Overall Record/Yrs:</b> 38-47/3	<b>2013 record:</b> 11-21 <b>CAA:</b> 6-8 <b>National Rank:</b> N/A Last meeting: 1998 <b>Head coach:</b> Melissa Aldrich Shelton <b>Overall Record/Yrs:</b> 315-267/19

#### WEEKEND SCHEDULE

##### FRIDAY

William & Mary vs. Iona - 5 p.m.  
Penn State vs. TCU - 7:30 p.m.

##### SATURDAY

Penn State vs. Iona - 10 a.m.  
TCU vs. William & Mary - 1 p.m.  
TCU vs. Iona - 4 p.m.  
Penn State vs. William & Mary - 7 p.m.

#### SETTING THE SCENE: 2014 OUTLOOK

Following a year that brought some of the highest highs, Penn State women's volleyball hits the court in 2014 once again as defending NCAA national champions. Having rallied past then-No. 12 Wisconsin in four sets in the first-ever all Big Ten NCAA national final, the Nittany Lions are fresh off their sixth national championship crown in program history.

With four returning starters, 11 letterwinners and eight newcomers, pieces of the puzzle are exactly what the Nittany Lions have on their side, as the legendary coach, who is upon his 36th year at the helm of the program prepares to enter the 2014 season equipped with both experienced veterans, as well as one of the most heralded freshman classes in recent history.

Fresh faces on the court are not the only new additions this year, as a new staff joins Rose for the 2014 season. Following the departure of five-year assistant coach Kaleena Davidson, Stevie Mussie joins Penn State as an assistant coach after serving as in the same role at the University. Penn State women's volleyball gained more momentum shortly after Mussie's hiring as former All-American and Nittany Lion assistant coach Salima Rockwell re-joined the staff as associate head coach after spending the past five seasons at Texas.

#### FIRST SERVE

» Penn State opens the 2014 season at home for the second consecutive season, welcoming TCU, Iona and William & Mary to the court in Rec Hall. The Nittany Lions take on the Horned Frogs Friday, Aug. 29 at 7:30 p.m. before squaring off against Iona Saturday, Aug. 30 at 10 a.m. and the Tribe at 7 p.m.

» Entering his 36th season at the helm of the program, five-time AVCA DI National Coach of the Year Russ Rose returns four starters and 11 letterwinners from last year's NCAA national championship squad.

» The Nittany Lions welcome a highly talented class of eight newcomers in 2014, featuring four state Gatorade Player of the Year honorees. PrepVolleyball.com tabbed PSU's incoming class No. 1 nationally.

» Penn State was voted No. 1 overall in the 2014 AVCA Preseason Coaches Poll, earning 32 of a possible 60 first-place votes.

» PSU has matchups set for 11 teams represented in the AVCA preseason poll, including nine matchups against teams in the top 25 and two receiving votes.

» The Nittany Lions are among seven teams from the Big Ten to be ranked within the AVCA preseason top 25 and one of four within the top 10.

» Penn State was voted No. 1 in the Big Ten Preseason Coaches' Poll for the second consecutive year, with three Nittany Lions earning preseason All-Big Ten honors.

» Penn State is 29-6 all-time in season-openers, having swept Syracuse in the first match of the 2013 season. The win against the Orange marked the Nittany Lions' second consecutive season-opening victory.

» PROMOTIONAL SPOTLIGHT: The Nittany Lions host Back to School weekend in Rec Hall for the Penn State Classic. Fans will receive Penn State women's volleyball folders, notebooks and pencils while supplies last at all three PSU matches this weekend.



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# 2014 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## PENN STATE AT A GLANCE

### THE UNIVERSITY

Location: ..... University Park, Pa. 16802  
 Founded: ..... 1855  
 Enrollment: ..... 44,112  
 Colors: ..... Blue & White  
 Nickname: ..... Nittany Lions  
 Conference: ..... Big Ten  
 President: ..... Dr. Eric J. Barron  
 Director of Athletics: ..... Sandy Barbour  
 Assoc. A.D./SWA: ..... Charmelle Greene  
 Facility (capacity): ..... Rec Hall (5,812)

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL STAFF

Head Coach: ..... Russ Rose (36th season)  
 Alma Mater: ..... George Williams, 1975  
 Overall Record (Yrs/Pct): ..... 1,125-177 (35/.864)  
 School Record: ..... same  
 Associate Head Coach: ..... Salima Rockwell  
 Assistant Coach: ..... Stevie Mussie  
 Director of Operations: ..... Kevin Burch  
 Volunteer Assistant: ..... Jay Goddu  
 Office Phone: ..... (814) 863-7474  
 Office Fax: ..... (814) 865-1746  
 Office Address: ..... 235 Rec Hall

### 2013 IN REVIEW

2013 Record: ..... 34-2  
 Home: ..... 17-1  
 Away: ..... 11-1  
 Neutral: ..... 6-0  
 Big Ten record (finish): ..... 19-1 (1st)  
 Final AVCA Ranking: ..... No. 1  
 Postseason Play: ..... NCAA national champions  
 First round: ..... def. LIU-Brooklyn, 3-0  
 Second round: ..... def. Utah, 3-0  
 Regional semifinal: ..... def. Michigan State, 3-1  
 Regional final: ..... def. Stanford, 3-2  
 National semifinal: ..... def. Washington, 3-0  
 National final: ..... def. Wisconsin, 3-1

### NITTANY LION HISTORY

First Year of Volleyball: ..... 1976  
 All-Time Record (Years): ..... 1,176-220-4 (38)  
 All-Time Big Ten Record: ..... 407-53  
 Years/Win Pct.: ..... 23/.885  
 Big Ten Titles: ..... (16) '92, '93, '96, '97, '98, '99, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '12, '13)  
 NCAA Tournament Appearances: ..... 33  
 NCAA Tournament Record: ..... 84-27  
 NCAA National Championships: ..... 6  
 (1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013)

## 2014 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	MP	K/S	%	A/S	SA/S	D/S	B/S
2	Lara Caraway	DS	5-4	Jr.							
3	Kendall Pierce	DS	5-6	Jr.							
4	Dominique Gonzalez	L	5-6	Sr.							
5	Ali Frantti	OH	6-1	Fr.							
7	Nia Grant	MH	6-2	Sr.							
8	Lainy Pierce	DS	6-2	Fr.							
9	Skylar Dykstra	DS	5-8	Fr.							
10	Carley Muller	DS	5-9	So.							
11	Nia Reed	OH	5-9	Fr.							
12	Micha Hancock	S	5-11	Sr.							
13	Taylor Krause	DS	5-6	So.							
14	Aiyana Whitney	OH	6-4	RS-Jr.							
15	Haleigh Washington	MB	6-3	Fr.							
17	Megan Courtney	OH	6-2	Jr.							
19	Heidi Thelen	MB	6-2	Fr.							
21	Bryanna Weiskircher	S	6-1	Fr.							
22	Simone Lee	OH	6-1	Fr.							
23	Kelly Robertson	MH	6-0	So.							
24	Laura Broerman	DS	5-4	So.							
33	Lacey Fuller	DS	5-6	Sr.							

### PENN STATE

#### OPPONENTS

**Head Coach:** Russ Rose (George Williams, 1975), 36th year  
**Associate Head Coach:** Salima Rockwell (Penn State, 1994)  
**Assistant Coach:** Stevie Mussie (Washington, 2008)  
**Director of Operations:** Kevin Burch (Ohio State, 2011)  
**Volunteer Assistant:** Jay Goddu (Villanova, 2013)

### ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School (College)
24	Laura Broerman	So.	DS	5-4	Colorado Springs, Colo./St. Mary's
2	Lara Caraway	Jr.	DS	5-4	Evans City, Pa./Home Schooled
17	Megan Courtney	Jr.	OH	6-2	Dayton, Ohio/Archbishop Alter
9	Skylar Dykstra	Fr.	DS	5-9	Redondo Beach, Calif./Redondo (UCLA)
5	Ali Frantti	Fr.	OH	6-1	Spring Grove, Ill./Richmond Burton
33	Lacey Fuller	Sr.	DS	5-6	San Diego, Calif./Torrey Pine
4	Dominique Gonzalez	Sr.	L	5-6	San Antonio, Texas/Sandra Day O'Connor
7	Nia Grant	Sr.	OH	6-2	Warren, Ohio/Howland
12	Micha Hancock	Sr.	S	5-11	Edmond, Okla./Edmond Memorial
13	Taylor Krause	So.	DS	5-6	Allentown, Pa./Parkland High
22	Simone Lee	Fr.	OH	6-1	Menomonee Falls, Wis./Menomonee
10	Carley Muller	So.	DS	5-7	Manhattan Beach, Calif./Mira Costa
3	Kendall Pierce	Jr.	DS	5-6	Eden, N.Y./Eden
8	Lainy Pierce	Fr.	DS	5-8	Eden, N.Y./Eden
11	Nia Reed	Fr.	OH	6-2	Fort Lee, N.J./Immaculate Heart Academy
23	Kelly Robertson	So.	MH	6-0	Allentown, Pa./Parkland High
19	Heidi Thelen	Fr.	MB	6-2	Edgewood, Ky./Notre Dame Academy
15	Haleigh Washington	Fr.	MB	6-3	Colorado Springs, Colo./Doherty High School
21	Bryanna Weiskircher	Fr.	S	6-1	Loves Park, Ill./Boylan Catholic
14	Aiyana Whitney	RS-Jr.	OH	6-4	Norwood, N.J./Northern Valley Regional

### PRONUNCIATIONS

Aiyana	I-YAH-nuh	Broerman	Bro-er-man
Micha	MIKE-uh	Nia	Nee-uh
Muller	Mew-ler	Thelen	Th-EE-len
Lacey	Lace-EE	Frantti	Fran-TEE
Lara	Lar-uh	Bryanna	Bree-yah-nuh
Dykstra	Dike-STRAH	Weiskircher	Weis-KIR-Cher

# 2014 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## AROUND THE BIG TEN

### 2014 PRESEASON BIG TEN POLL

#### 1. PENN STATE

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

### 2013 FINAL BIG TEN STANDINGS

Team	Big Ten		Overall	
	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.
<b>PENN STATE</b>	<b>19-1</b>	<b>.950</b>	<b>34-2</b>	<b>.944</b>
Nebraska	16-4	.800	26-7	.788
Minnesota	15-5	.750	29-7	.806
Wisconsin	12-8	.600	28-10	.737
Illinois	12-8	.600	18-15	.545
Purdue	11-9	.550	23-12	.657
Michigan State	10-10	.500	23-12	.657
Michigan	8-12	.400	18-14	.562
Northwestern	8-12	.400	16-16	.500
Ohio State	6-14	.300	18-14	.562
Iowa	2-18	.100	11-21	.344
Indiana	1-19	.050	9-22	.290

### ALL-TIME RECORDS vs. 2014 OPPONENTS

#### NON-CONFERENCE

Team	W-L	Last
TCU	0-0	First Meeting
Iona	0-0	First Meeting
William & Mary	10-1	PSU, 3-0 (9/5/98)
Stanford	8-7	PSU, 3-2 (12/14/13)
UCLA	4-7	UCLA, 3-0 (12/9/11)
American	6-0	PSU, 3-0 (12/3/04)
Villanova	13-0	PSU, 3-0 (8/28/10)
Yale	8-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/21/13)
Kansas	0-0	First Meeting
EIU	3-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/15/12)
DePaul	1-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/7/12)
UIC	6-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/9/12)
ECU	2-0	PSU, 2-0 (10/23/81)

#### BIG TEN

Team	W-L	Last
Wisconsin	43-7	PSU, 3-1 (12/21/13)
Minnesota	42-8	PSU, 3-0 (11/116/13)
Nebraska	9-13	PSU, 3-1 (11/30/13)
Iowa	45-0	PSU, 3-0 (10/26/13)
Northwestern	46-8	PSU, 3-1 (11/22/13)
Illinois	41-9	PSU, 3-1 (11/23/11)
Purdue	50-6	PSU, 3-0 (11/8/13)
Indiana	47-1	PSU, 3-0 (11/9/13)
Michigan	44-3	PSU, 3-1 (11/1/13)
Michigan St.	39-7	PSU, 3-1 (12/13/13)
Ohio St.	42-14	PSU, 3-0 (11/27/13)
Rutgers	25-9	PSU, 3-0 (9/17/11)

## NITTANY LIONS EARN TOP RANKING IN AVCA PRESEASON POLL

Penn State women's volleyball earned the No. 1 overall ranking in the 2014 AVCA Preseason Coaches' Poll. This year's poll features more Big Ten teams than any other conference in the country, with the Nittany Lions among seven other league teams to be ranked within the top 25 and one of four to be within the top 10. Since 2004, Penn State has been ranked within the top five in every AVCA preseason poll, having earned a top-ranking five times (2008-11 & 2014).

Earning 32 of a possible 60 first-place votes, PSU claimed the top spot ahead of No. 2 Texas, No. 3 Stanford, No. 4 Washington and No. 5 USC. The Big Ten is also well represented in the lower half of the top 10 rankings with Wisconsin, Nebraska and Purdue in spots six through eight, consecutively. BYU and Florida rounded out the last two spots at No. 9 and No. 10, respectively.

### A CLOSER LOOK AT THE AVCA PRESEASON POLL

Penn State will square off against a total of 11 teams featured in the 2014 AVCA preseason poll, including nine teams ranked within the top 25 and two who are receiving votes. First up, the Nittany Lions meet third-ranked Stanford in the Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge Friday, Sept. 5, before taking on UCLA (RV) the next evening. The Bruins received 23 votes. PSU also meets No.22 Kansas and No. 24 American in non-conference action at the Villanova Classic, Sept. 12-13 at Villanova.

### PENN STATE TABBED BIG TEN PRESEASON FAVORITE

Penn State earned the No. 1 ranking in the 2014 Big Ten Preseason Coaches' Poll, which is decided by the league's 14 head coaches. The top-ranking marks the ninth time in the last 10 years that the 16-time defending Big Ten champion Nittany Lions have been voted No. 1 the preseason standings.

### PRESEASON ALL-BIG TEN NITTANY LIONS

PSU is also well represented on the All-Big Ten Preseason Team, with more honorees than any other conference team in the league for the second consecutive year. Senior setter Micha Hancock highlights a trio of 2014 honorees as a unanimous selection. She's joined by senior middle Nia Grant and junior outside Megan Courtney. The nod is the second consecutive for both Hancock and Courtney and the first career for Grant.

### HANCOCK NOMINATED FOR 2014 ESPY AWARD

Penn State's Micha Hancock was one of two PSU student-athletes to be nominated for a 2014 ESPY Award, presented by ESPN. Hancock was nominated for Best Female Collegiate Athlete. Hancock's nomination marks the third time a PSU women's volleyball student-athlete has been up for an ESPY. Megan Hodge earned a nomination in 2010, following the '09 season, while Blair Brown was selected in 2011 following the '10 season.

### ROSE APPROACHING A HISTORIC MARK

In 2013, head coach Russ Rose earned his 1,107th victory with a straight-set win at Northwestern, moving him into sole possession of second place on the NCAA DI career wins list. With the triumph, he passed former UCLA head coach Andy Banachowski, who previously owned the record.

With 1,125 wins, Rose is presently three wins shy of tying current Hawaii head coach Dave Shoji for first on the all-time list with 1,128 victories. Rose currently owns the all-time record for NCAA DI career winning percentage, having posted a career clip of .864 in the past 35 seasons. Both Rose and Shoji are the only two NCAA DI head coaches to have more than 1,000 career wins. The two are also one of just three active NCAA head coaches in all three divisions to have more than 1,100 career wins.

### HANCOCK ATOP THE SERVING ALL-TIME LIST

Averaging 0.65 aces per set, junior Micha Hancock finished the 2013 season ranked second nationally in aces per set. Her mark also ranks first in the Big Ten. Her impressive serving also set a new program record. With four aces against Eastern Kentucky, Hancock notched her 200th career service ace. Building on the mark throughout the season she moved into sole possession of first place on the Penn State all-time list with 254 aces on the year to surpass Ellen Hensler, who set the record in 1986. In the NCAA standings, her 82 aces this season across 127 (.646) sets ranks 11th all-time.

### I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, ICE CREAM!

Earlier this summer Penn State's renowned Berkey Creamery unveiled a new "hall of fame" ice cream flavor named after legendary Nittany Lion women's volleyball head coach, Russ Rose. For the first time in more than 20 years, the flavor, Russ "digs" Roseberry, joins the creamery's lineup of "hall of fame" permanent flavors. The ice cream variety is made with black raspberry puree, red raspberry sauce and pure Wilbur's chocolate in a strawberry base.

# 2014 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## AVCA TOP 25 COACHES' POLL

Poll #1 • Aug. 11, 2014 (Preseason)

NO.	SCHOOL	PTS.	'13 REC.	'13 FP
1.	<b>PENN STATE (32)</b>	<b>1417</b>	<b>34-2</b>	<b>1</b>
2.	Texas (11)	1389	27-3	3
3.	Stanford (7)	1356	27-6	5
4.	Washington	1280	30-3	4
5.	USC (2)	1272	29-6	6
6.	Wisconsin (8)	1264	28-10	2
7.	Nebraska	1149	26-7	7
8.	Purdue	980	23-12	8
9.	BYU	924	24-7	13
10.	Florida	897	28-4	15
11.	Illinois	813	18-15	16
12.	Minnesota	802	28-7	10
13.	Florida State	695	26-8	11
14.	San Diego	628	26-4	9
15.	Missouri	547	35-1	12
16.	Michigan State	494	23-12	14
17.	Hawai'i	481	25-5	18
18.	Colorado State	472	28-2	21
19.	Kentucky	452	22-9	20
20.	North Carolina	378	27-5	25
21.	Duke	361	28-5	22
22.	Kansas	232	26-8	17
23.	Creighton	184	23-9	NR
24.	American	134	32-3	19
25.	Arizona State	129	19-14	NR

**RECEIVING VOTES:** Oregon 115; Oklahoma 114; California 111; Marquette 102; Arizona 60; Iowa State 59; LSU 52; Colorado 32; UC Santa Barbara 26; Michigan 23; UCLA 23; Cal State Northridge 19; Long Beach State 11; New Mexico 9; UT San Antonio 3

\*2013 opponents in italics

## PENN STATE PRESENCE IN THE COACHES' POLL

Aug. 11: #1

## WHO'S BACK

Two-time First Team AVCA All-American Micha Hancock leads a solid group of four starters from last year's NCAA national championship squad. Hancock directed the Nittany Lion offense to a .305 hitting clip in 2013, which concluded the season ranked fifth nationally.

AVCA Honorable Mention All-America Nia Grant and starting outside Megan Courtney are two of Hancock's top attackers who return to the court. Having ranked within the top of the Big Ten and national standings throughout the season, Grant's .350 hitting clip closed out the year ranked second best on the team and fifth in the final conference standings. Courtney, who picked up 2014 Preseason All-Big Ten honors, finished the year with 297 kills, averaging 2.47 per set on .272 hitting. Her 2.51 digs per frame and 0.73 blocks per set ranked third on the squad.

Defensively, the Nittany Lions also return two-year starting libero Dominique Gonzalez, who has proved to be a steady leader in the back row. Averaging 3.28 digs per set in 2014, she amassed 416 digs on the year, posting double-digit digs in 23-of-36 matches in 2013.

## EXPERIENCED SENIOR CORE

Comprised of four, this year's senior class features Lacey Fuller, Dominique Gonzalez, Nia Grant and Micha Hancock. Together, the four have a combined record of 92-13 (.876), and a 54-6 mark in Big Ten matches. Along with back-to-back Big Ten titles in 2012 and 2013, the veteran class holds a 12-2 (.857) mark in the post season with two consecutive NCAA national semifinal appearances in 2012-13 as well as the 2013 NCAA national title.

## SPOTS TO FILL

Penn State enters the 2014 season without a trio of standout student-athletes who were instrumental in the Nittany Lions' fifth national crown in the last seven years. Graduating seniors Deja McClendon, Katie Slay and Ariel Scott combined for 10 AVCA All-America honors during their four-year careers on the court, guiding the 2010 and 2013 teams to a pair of NCAA national titles.

McClendon highlighted the 2013 All-America class as the only player to be honored as a four-time All-American. A true multi-faceted student-athlete, The Nittany Lions will have to replace McClendon's ability to pass, block, defend and attack. PSU will also need to replace Scott, a three-time AVCA All-American opposite who consistently served as the Nittany Lions' go-to hitter. Defensively, Slay departs Penn State as one of the most prolific blockers in program history, having earned three consecutive All-America honors to go along with her 627 career blocks, which ranks sixth all-time.

## FRESHMAN INFLUENCE

Regarded by PrepVolleyball.com as "a class that rivals the best ever," Penn State's incoming freshman class features eight newcomers who will all be competing for spots on the court in 2014. Along with four state Gatorade Player of the Year honorees, five Nittany Lion newcomers were ranked within PrepVolleyball's top 15 in the nation, while three ranked among the top three.

**Skylar Dykstra** » Transferred from UCLA after redshirting her freshman indoor season.

**Ali Frantti** » Ranked PrepVolleyball's No. 2 recruit in the nation ... 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-America ... Helped club team (Fusion) to back-to-back AAU titles, collecting MVP honors in 202 ... Led Richmond Burton (HS) to 2013 Illinois state title ... Illinois Gatorade Player of the Year.

**Simone Lee** » Ranked PrepVolleyball's No. 8 recruit in the nation ... Played on the same club team as Frantti (Fusion) ... 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-America ... Guided Menomonee (HS) to Wisconsin state title in 2013 ... Wisconsin Gatorade Player of the Year.

**Lainy Pierce** » Led Eden (HS) to New York state title in 2013.

**Nia Reed** » Ranked PrepVolleyball's No. 12 recruit in the nation ... Helped Immaculate Heart (HS) to four straight non-public state titles ... 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-America ... New Jersey Gatorade Player of the Year from 2011-13.

**Heidi Thelen** » Ranked PrepVolleyball's No. 61 recruit in the nation ... 2013-14 Under Armour Honorable Mention All-America.

**Haleigh Washington** » Ranked PrepVolleyball's No. 1 recruit in the nation ... 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-America ... Two-time Colorado Gatorade Player of the Year (2012-13) ... Led Doherty (HS) to 2012 Colorado state title ... 2013 VB Magazine Player of the Year.

**Bryanna Weiskircher** » Ranked PrepVolleyball's No. 13 recruit in the nation ... Played on the same club team as Frantti and Lee (Fusion) as the starting setter ... 2013-14 Under Ar-

# 2014 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## RICKKERN.COM TOP 30

Poll #1 • Aug. 11, 2014

NO.	SCHOOL	POINTS
1	Stanford	484
<b>2</b>	<b>PENN STATE</b>	<b>475</b>
3	Texas	467
4	Wisconsin	460
5	USC	449
6	Washington	435
7	Nebraska	423
8	Purdue	352
9	BYU	347
10	Florida	345
11	Illinois	330
12	Minnesota	311
13	Michigan State	255
14	San Diego	237
15	Missouri	230
16	Florida State	223
17	Kentucky	219
18	Hawaii	204
19	Colorado State	203
20	Duke	198
21	Oregon	193
22	North Carolina	165
23	Arizona State	127
24	Kansas	115
25	Cal	110
26	Iowa State	87
27	Arizona	82
28	Marquette	55
29	Colorado	51
30	LSU	48

Receiving Votes: Michigan, American, Creighton, Saint Marys, Texas A&M, Northwestern, UCLA, Oklahoma, Long Beach State, Utah, Ohio, Cal State Northridge, UCSB, Northern Iowa, Ohio State

## NITTANY LIONS MONTH - BY- MONTH

Penn State is 37-5 (.881) all-time during the month of August, after notching a pair of victories against Syracuse and then-No. 19 Louisville in 2013. The Nittany Lions' first two losses came during the inaugural NACWAA in 1995 when Nebraska swept PSU, and in the 1999 NACWAA when Florida outlasted Penn State, 3-2, in the opening round. The Nittany Lions have not dropped a season opening match since losing to Oregon in 2011.

Penn State is 358-56-4 (.856) all-time during the month of September. The Lions are 183-17 (.915) during September dating back to the 1995 season and 41-8 (.837) within the last five years.

PSU is 386-67 (.852) all-time during the month of October. Penn State has posted an 86-11 (.887) mark in October across the last 10 seasons, and a record of 50 -3 (.943) in the last five years and did not lose a match during the month from 2007 to 2010.

Penn State is 285-57 (.833) all-time during the month of November, including a 87-8 (.916) mark across the last 10 seasons. The Nittany Lions posted a six-year streak from 1995-2000 where they did not lose a match in the month, and in the last five seasons, Penn State has a 45-3 (.938) mark in November.

In 2013, the Nittany posted unblemished records in three months, going 2-0 in August, 8-0 in October and 10-0 in November. Despite registering an 8-2 mark in the month of September, Penn State has lost a match since dropping a close five-setter to Michigan State on Sept. 27th.

## QUICK SETS

From Oct. 16, 1996 to Nov. 9, 2001, Penn State won 139 consecutive matches when taking a 2-0 lead. Since joining the Big Ten in 1991, Penn State has played in 761 total matches, winning 675. Additionally, 532 of those 675 wins, or 79%, have been three-game sweeps. Across the last seven years, Penn State has won 206 of its 256 victories in three games (81%), including 37-of-38 (98%) in 2008 and 32-of-38 in 2009 (84%).

In the last 15 years, the Lions have lost only 58 matches. And of those 22 teams that defeated the Lions – BYU, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Long Beach State, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Nebraska, Northwestern, Ohio State, Oregon, Oregon State, Purdue, USC, Stanford, Temple, Tennessee, Texas, UCLA, Washington and Wisconsin – only nine of these teams (Nebraska, Stanford, Ohio State, Illinois, Wisconsin, UCLA, Minnesota, Michigan State and Florida) have been able to beat Penn State a third time. The Lions have compiled a 277-56 mark in the last 15 years versus these teams.

vs. Michigan	28-2	vs. Stanford	5-5
vs. Northwestern	28-2	vs. MSU	26-3
vs. Wisconsin	25-6	vs. Ohio State	25-5
vs. Florida	4-3	vs. UCLA	3-3
vs. Nebraska	5-4	vs. Minnesota	26-6
vs. LBSU	0-1	vs. USC	2-1
vs. Illinois	26-5	vs. Temple	2-1
vs. BYU	3-1	vs. Tennessee	0-1
vs. Purdue	31-1	vs. Indiana	30-1
vs. Washington	0-1	vs. Texas	9-2
		vs. Oregon	0-2
		vs. Oregon State	0-1

## PENN STATE BY THE NUMBERS

- 5 Number of NCAA national championships PSU has won in the last seven years
- 6 Number of total NCAA national championships (1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013)
  - » Penn State's six national titles ties Stanford for the most in history.
- 16 Number of Big Ten titles in 23 seasons in the league
  - » Penn State has captured Big Ten championships in nine of the last 10 years.
- 21 Number of all-time conference player of the year selections
- 33 Number of NCAA Tournaments PSU has participated in, one of two to play in all 33
- 37 Number of consecutive 20-win seasons
- 38 Seasons of Penn State women's volleyball, which started in 1976 under Tom Tait
- 65 Longest Big Ten winning streak recorded by Penn State from 11/11/06 to 9/24/10
- 78 Number of polls in which Penn State was ranked No. 1
- 94 Number of consecutive home match wins from 9/1/06 to 12/11/10
- 109 Number of consecutive matches wins between 9/21/07 to 9/11/10
- 159 Number of Academic All-Big Ten honorees in 21 years
- 1,125 Number of wins by head coach Russ Rose prior to entering his 36th season
  - » Rose needs three wins to match current record-holder Dave Shoji (Hawaii)
- 1,176 Number of wins in Penn State women's volleyball history

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## SCOUTING THE OPPONENTS

### PENN STATE VS. TCU

Series: First Meeting

#### Last Five

Date	Site	Result
First Meeting		

#### By the Numbers

at PSU	N/A
at TCU	N/A
at neutral sites	N/A
Current streak	N/A

#### Tale of the Tape

PSU	Stat	TCU
34-2	2013 Record	16-15
14.28	K/S	13.30
.305	Hitting %	.218
14.24	D/S	14.60
3.05	B/S	2.00

### PENN STATE VS. IONA

Series: First Meeting

#### Last Five

Date	Site	Result
First Meeting		

#### By the Numbers

at PSU	N/A
at Iona	N/A
at neutral sites	N/A
Current streak	N/A

#### Tale of the Tape

PSU	Stat	Iona
34-2	2013 Record	16-14
14.28	K/S	12.90
.305	Hitting %	.205
14.24	D/S	16.90
3.05	B/S	1.90

### PENN STATE VS. WILLIAM & MARY

Series: Penn State leads, 10-1

#### Last Five

Date	Site	Result
9/20/86	H	PSU, 3-0 (15-6, 15-5, 15-1)
10/7/89	N	PSU, 3-0 (15-3, 15-3, 15-11)
11/10/90	H	PSU, 3-0 (15-1, 15-2, 15-5)
9/21/96	H	PSU, 3-0 (15-6, 15-6, 15-3)
9/5/98	H	PSU, 3-0 (15-2, 15-4, 15-7)

#### By the Numbers

at PSU	Penn State leads, 4-0
at William & Mary	N/A
at neutral sites	Penn State leads, 6-1
Current streak	PSU, W10

#### Tale of the Tape

PSU	Stat	William & Mary
34-2	2013 Record	11-21
14.28	K/S	12.00
.305	Hitting %	.161
14.24	D/S	16.70
3.05	B/S	2.00

## THE LAST TIME A NITTANY LION ...

Had 30 or more kills	31 - Nicole Fawcett vs. Cal Poly (8/31/07)
Had 10 or more blocks	10 - Katie Slay vs. Stanford (12/14/13)
Had five or more aces	8 - Micha Hancock vs. Iowa (10/26/13)
Had 25 or more digs	35 - Alyssa D'Errico at Minnesota (11/27/10)
Had 80 or more assists	82 - Samantha Spink vs. Illinois (11/24/95)

## THE LAST TIME PENN STATE ...

### VS. NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS (REGULAR-SEASON MATCHES)

Won a match	vs. Yale, 9/21/13 (25-16, 25-17, 25-6)
Lost a match	vs. Texas, 9/7/13 (27-25, 17-25, 25-1, 21-25, 10-15)
Won at home	vs. Yale, 9/21/13 (25-16, 25-17, 25-6)
Lost at home	vs. Oregon, 8/26/11 (25-16, 25-21, 25-20, 25-22)
Won 3-0 at home	vs. Yale, 9/21/13 (25-16, 25-17, 25-6)
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. FGCU, 9/14/13 (25-8, 25-15, 25-17)
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 Nebraska, 11/30/13 (22-25, 25-23, 26-24, 26-24)
Lost a match	vs. Michigan State, 9/27/13 (23-25, 24-26, 25-19, 25-19, 9-15)
Won at home	vs. Illinois, 11/23/13 (25-20, 25-17, 23-25, 25-16)
Lost at home	vs. Michigan State, 9/27/13 (23-25, 24-26, 25-19, 25-19, 9-15)
Won 3-0 at home	vs. Indiana, 11/9/13 (25-16, 25-11, 25-11)
Lost 3-0 at home	vs. Minnesota, 10/18/03 (26-30, 18-30, 21-30)
Won 3-0 on the road	vs. Ohio State, 11/27/13 (25-12, 25-14, 25-8)
Lost 3-0 on the road	at Illinois, 11/11/11 (21-25, 23-25, 26-28)

## ALL MATCHES

Won a match	vs. Wisconsin, 12/21/13 (25-19, 26-24, 20-25, 25-23)
Lost a match	vs. Michigan State, 9/27/13 (23-25, 24-26, 25-19, 25-19, 9-15)
Won at home	vs. Utah, 12/7/13 (25-14, 25-15, 25-11)
Lost at home	vs. Michigan State, 9/27/13 (23-25, 24-26, 25-19, 25-19, 9-15)
Won 3-0 at home	vs. Utah, 12/7/13 (25-14, 25-15, 25-11)
Lost 3-0 at home	vs. Minnesota, 10/18/03 (26-30, 18-30, 21-30)
Won 3-0 on the road	vs. Washington, 12/19/13 (25-14, 25-13, 25-16)
Lost 3-0 on the road	at Illinois, 11/11/11 (21-25, 23-25, 26-28)

## STREAKING!

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.

The Nittany Lions are presently on a 24-match winning streak, which dates back to Sept. 28, when PSU started the streak with a 3-1 win against Michigan. The stretch is the longest streak in a single season since PSU posted back-to-back 38-0 records in 2008 and 2009.

## TOP FIVE BIG TEN 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)

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## RUSS ROSE AT A GLANCE ...

- 2007 AVCA Hall of Fame Inductee
- 2005 USA Volleyball All-Time Great Coach Honoree
- 2000 US Olympic Committee Coach of the Year
- Five-time AVCA Coach of the Year  
1997, 1999, 2007, 2008, 2013
- Six-time AVCA Mid-east Region Coach of the Year  
1996, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012
- Three-time Volleyball Monthly Coach of the Year  
1990, 1993, 1999
- Seven-time Mid-east Region Coach of the Year  
1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 2007, 2008, 2012
- 14-time Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year  
1992, 1993, 1996, 1997 (co), 1998, 2003 (co),  
2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013
- 1996 District II Coach of the Year
- Six-Time Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year
- Five-time Northeast Region Coach of the Year
- National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame
- 2010 USAV Leader in Volleyball

## BY THE NUMBERS ...

### 1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 & 2013

NCAA National Championships

### NO. 1

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

### 1,125

Career wins in 35 seasons, the highest win total ever for a Penn State head coach

### 3

Number of active coaches in NCAA Division I history with 1,000 career wins

### 33

Straight NCAA Tournament appearances

### 16

Big Ten titles in 23 years

### 8

Consecutive Atlantic 10 titles

### 159

Academic All-Big Ten selections in 23 years

### 21

Conference Players of the Year in last 28 years

At least **1** All-American in 34-of-35 seasons

## NITTANY LIONS ON TV

There's no need to worry this year if you can't follow Penn State 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, ESPN and Pac-12 networks. 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.

### PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TV MATCH SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Network
Sept. 5	at Stanford	Pac-12
Sept. 24	at Wisconsin	BTN - live
Sept. 27	at Minnesota	ESPN 3 (ESPN2 at 1 p.m. 9/28)
Oct. 3	at Nebraska	BTN - live
Oct. 8	vs. Northwestern	BTN - live
Oct. 17	at Purdue	BTN - live
Oct. 24	vs. Michigan	BTN - live
Oct. 28	vs. Ohio State	BTN - live
Oct. 29	vs. Nebraska	BTN - live

## PACKING REC HALL ONCE AGAIN

Penn State was among the national leaders in attendance in 2013, ranking sixth in the country with an average of 2,952 fans per match on the year behind Nebraska, Hawaii, Missouri, Minnesota and Wisconsin. (Figures provided by the NCAA.)

SCHOOL	TOTAL ATTEN.	AVG. ATTEN.	HOME DATES	SCHOOL	TOTAL ATTEN.	AVG. ATTEN.	HOME DATES
1. Nebraska	155,324	8,175	19	16. UNC	34,856	2,324	15
2. Hawaii	144,235	7,591	19	17. Duke	29,723	1,748	17
3. Missouri	62,717	3,301	19	18. Iowa St.	29,703	2,700	11
4. Minnesota	59,130	3,942	15	19. Stanford	28,925	1,928	15
5. Wisconsin	52,685	3,512	15	20. Ohio St.	26,816	2,063	13
6. PENN STATE	50,187	2,952	17	21. Kentucky	26,806	1,489	18
7. Illinois	49,871	3,117	16	22. Kansas St.	26,573	2,214	12
8. Colorado St.	49,240	3,283	15	23. Kansas	24,733	1,649	15
9. Texas	49,137	3,780	13	24. New Mexico	22,693	1,418	16
10. Florida	45,843	2,547	18	25. USC	22,568	1,505	15
11. Michigan St.	43,368	2,891	15	26. Oregon	22,468	1,498	15
12. UNI	42,470	3,267	13	27. Michigan	21,423	1,428	15
13. Purdue	40,510	2,532	16	28. Louisville	20,193	1,836	11
14. Washington	40,174	2,678	15	29. Arizona	19,887	1,047	19
15. Wichita St.	38,657	2,577	15	30. Notre Dame	19,872	1,325	15

## 2013 ATTENDANCE AROUND THE COUNTRY

	TOTALS	AVG.
All Matches:	126,952 (36 matches)	3,529
Home:	52,245 (17 matches)	3,073
Away:	81,934 (19 matches)	4,312

## The Big Ten led all Division I conferences in overall attendance:

LEAGUE	MATCHES	TOTAL
Big Ten	181	542,923
SEC	202	252,619
Pac-12	175	223,836
ACC	226	188,664
Big 12	184	185,771
SEC	154	168,548

# 2014 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## 2013 PENN STATE SUPERLATIVES

THREE SETS.....INDIVIDUAL.....TEAM
Kills: .....17 - Megan Courtney vs. Utah (12/7).....50 - vs. Minnesota (11/16)
Attacks: .....32 - Ariel Scott vs. Wisconsin (10/12).....127 - at Wisconsin (11/15)
Attack Percentage*.....833, 2x last (5-0-6) - Nia Grant vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/21).....522 (40-4-69) - vs. Albany (9/20)
Assists: .....41 - Micha Hancock vs. Indiana (10/3).....44 - vs. Washington (12/19)
Aces: .....8, 2x last - Micha Hancock vs. Iowa (10/26).....9, 3x last vs. Iowa (10/26)
Digs: .....20 - Dominique Gonzalez vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/21).....56 - vs. Utah (12/7)
Solo Blocks: .....3 - Paulina Prieto Cerame vs. Indiana (11/9).....8 - vs. Indiana (11/9)
Block Assists: .....8, 3x last - Katie Slay at Minnesota (11/16).....22, LIU Brooklyn (12/6)
Total Blocks: .....8, 3x last - Katie Slay at Northwestern (10/20).....21.0 - vs. Wisconsin (10/12)

FOUR SETS.....INDIVIDUAL.....TEAM
Kills: .....21, 2x last - Ariel Scott vs. Wisconsin (12/21).....72 - vs. Northwestern (11/22)
Attacks: .....53 - Ariel Scott vs. Illinois (11/23).....170 - vs. Wisconsin (12/21)
Attack Percentage*.....529 (11-2-17) - Nia Grant vs. Northwestern (11/22).....344 (72-16-163) - vs. Northwestern (11/22)
Assists: .....63 - Micha Hancock vs. Northwestern (11/22).....70 - vs. Northwestern (11/22)
Aces: .....4 - Micha Hancock vs. Michigan (9/28).....7 - vs. Michigan (9/28)
Digs: .....24 - Dominique Gonzalez vs. Northwestern (11/22).....78 - vs. Wisconsin (12/21)
Solo Blocks: .....4 - Megan Courtney vs. Michigan (11/1).....6 - vs. Michigan (11/1)
Block Assists: .....8 - Katie Slay vs. Michigan (9/28).....22 - vs. Michigan (11/1)
Total Blocks: .....9 - Katie Slay vs. Michigan (9/28).....28.0 - vs. Michigan (11/1)

FIVE SETS.....INDIVIDUAL.....TEAM
Kills: .....25 - Ariel Scott vs. Minnesota (10/9).....77 - vs. Stanford (12/14)
Attacks: .....62 - Ariel Scott vs. Minnesota (10/9).....219 - vs. Stanford (12/14)
Attack Percentage*.....667 (9-1-12) - Nia Grant vs. Michigan State (9/27).....307 (73-22-166) - vs. Michigan State (9/28)
Assists: .....67 - Micha Hancock vs. Minnesota (10/9).....74 - vs. Minnesota (10/9)
Aces: .....3 - Nia Grant at Texas (9/7).....6 - at Texas (9/7)
Digs: .....22 - Megan Courtney vs. Minnesota (10/9).....84 - vs. Stanford (12/14)
Solo Blocks: .....4 - Katie Slay vs. Stanford (12/14).....7 - vs. Stanford (12/14)
Block Assists: .....10 - Katie Slay vs. Minnesota (10/9).....33 - vs. Minnesota (10/9)
Total Blocks: .....10 - Katie Slay 2x, last vs. Stanford (12/14).....35.0 - vs. Minnesota (10/9)

## 2013 OPPONENT SUPERLATIVES

THREE SETS.....INDIVIDUAL.....TEAM
Kills: .....15, Annika Foit, LIU Brooklyn (12/6).....42 - Michigan State (11/2)
Attacks: .....37 - Jessica Nagy, Central Arkansas (9/14).....132 - Wisconsin (11/15)
Attack Percentage*.....500 2x, last Kylin Munoz (5-1-8), Washington (12/19).....194 (34-16-93) - Florida (9/8)
Assists: .....35, Caleigh Ryan, Northwestern (10/20).....39, Michigan State (11/2)
Aces: .....2, Caroline Niedospial, Northwestern (10/20).....3 - Northwestern (10/20)
Digs: .....15, 2x last - Bethany Yeager, Iowa (10/26).....54 - Wisconsin (11/15)
Solo Blocks: .....1, 13x last - Vera Djuric and Jessica Rice, LIU Brooklyn (12/6).....2, 3x last - LIU Brooklyn (12/6)
Block Assists: .....5, 3x last - Bailey Bateman, Utah (12/7).....16, 2x last - Utah (12/7)
Total Blocks: .....6 - Lauren Carlini, Dominique Thompson, Wisconsin (10/12).....16.0 - Wisconsin (10/12)

FOUR SETS.....INDIVIDUAL.....TEAM
Kills: .....22 - Jocelynn Birks, Illinois (11/23).....57 - Michigan State (12/13)
Attacks: .....62 - Jocelynn Birks, Illinois (11/23).....167 - Michigan State (12/13)
Attack Percentage*.....467 (15-1-30) - Katie Dutchman, Northwestern (11/22).....246 (56-22-138) - Nebraska (11/30)
Assists: .....52 - Caleigh Ryan, Northwestern (11/22).....54 - Northwestern (11/22)
Aces: .....2, 3x last - Monica McGreal and Caroline Niedospial, Northwestern (11/22).....5 - Northwestern (11/22)
Digs: .....26 - Annemarie Hickey, Wisconsin (12/21).....73 - Wisconsin (12/21)
Solo Blocks: .....2 - Molly Toon, Michigan (9/28).....4 - Michigan (11/1)
Block Assists: .....9 - Haleigh Nelson, Wisconsin (12/21).....28 - Wisconsin (12/21)
Total Blocks: .....9 - Haleigh Nelson, Wisconsin (12/21).....12.5 - Nebraska (11/30)

FIVE SETS.....INDIVIDUAL.....TEAM
Kills: .....21, 2x last, Moganne Criswell, Illinois (10/18).....62 - Stanford (12/14)
Attacks: .....55 - Lauren Wicinski, Michigan State (9/27).....181 - Stanford (12/14)
Attack Percentage*.....857 (6-0-7) Faye Adelaja, Purdue (10/5).....262 (52-15-141) - Texas (9/7)
Assists: .....54 - Madi Bugg, Stanford (12/14).....59 - Minnesota (10/9)
Aces: .....2 - Kristen Kelsay and Ryian Hubbard, Michigan State (9/27).....5 - Michigan State (9/27)
Digs: .....22 - Ashley Wittman, Minnesota (10/9).....79 - Stanford (12/14)
Solo Blocks: .....2, 2x last, Hannah Tapp, Minnesota (10/9).....4, 2x, last, Minnesota (10/9)
Block Assists: .....8 - Tori Dixon, Minnesota (10/9).....24 - Stanford (12/14)
Total Blocks: .....9 - Tori Dixon, Minnesota (10/9).....32.0 - Minnesota (10/9)





## LACEY FULLER

SENIOR | DS  
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in all 36 matches, seeing action in 118 sets ... Closed out the 2013 season ranked fifth on the team in digs with 141, averaging 1.19 per set ... Posted eight digs in back-to-back NCAA tournament matches against Utah (12/7) and Michigan State (12/13) ... Recorded a season-high nine digs in the NCAA regional final match against Stanford (12/14) .. Had one dig and one ace in the NCAA national semifinal match against third-seeded Washington (12/19) ... Totaled five digs in the NCAA national championship match against No. 12 Wisconsin (12/21).

**PERSONAL »** Born Lacey Fuller on Aug. 26, 1992 in San Diego, Calif. ... parents are Donald and Mary Ann Fuller ... has one brother, Blake and two sisters, Loni and Kim.

### 2013 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Syracuse	0	0	0	.000	0	1	3	0
Louisville	0	0	0	.000	0	0	4	0
Texas	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	0	0	.000	1	1	2	0
Marquette	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0
Central Arkansas	0	0	0	.000	0	2	7	0
FGCU	0	0	0	.000	0	0	6	0
Albany	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0
Yale	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
MSU	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	.000	1	1	7	0
Indiana	0	0	0	.000	0	0	5	0
Purdue	0	0	0	.000	0	0	4	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	1	0	6	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	.000	1	1	5	0
Illinois	0	0	0	.000	1	0	4	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	.000	0	0	6	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0
Iowa	0	0	0	.000	0	0	4	0
Michigan	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
MSU	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
Purdue	0	0	0	.000	0	1	3	0
Indiana	0	0	0	.000	1	1	3	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	.000	1	0	3	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	.000	0	0	5	0
Illinois	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	.000	1	0	6	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0
LIU Brooklyn	0	0	0	.000	0	1	4	0
Utah	0	0	0	.000	0	1	8	0
MSU	0	0	0	.000	0	0	8	0
Stanford	0	0	0	.000	0	0	9	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	.000	0	0	5	0

2013 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	N/A
N/A	Attacks	1, 34x, last vs. Minnesota (12/8/12)
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
1, 7x last vs Wisconsin (11/15)	Assists	2, 2x, last vs. Texas (9/1/12)
2 vs. Central Arkansas (9/22)	Aces	2, 4x, last vs. Bowling Green (12/1/12)
9, vs. Stanford (12/14)	Digs	13 vs. Texas (9/9/11)
N/A	Blocks	N/A

### FULLER'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2011	30-67	0	0	0	.000	4	7	59	0	0	0	0.00	0.06	0.10	0.88	0.00
2012	36-119	0	2	4	-.500	15	19	169	0	0	0	0.00	0.13	0.16	1.42	0.00
2013	36-118	0	0	0	.000	9	12	141	0	0	0	0.00	0.08	0.10	1.19	0.00
CAREER	102-304	0	2	4	-.500	28	38	369	0	0	0	0.00	0.09	0.13	1.21	0.00

# 2014 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



## DOMINIQUE GONZALEZ

JUNIOR | DS  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Started all 36 matches at libero ... Concluded the season ranked first on the team in digs (416), averaging a squad-best 3.28 per set ... Posted double-digit digs in 23-of-36 matches, including three matches with 20 or more digs ... Matched a career-high mark with two aces against Yale (9/22) ... Totaled a season-high 24 digs against Northwestern (11/22) ... Registered four consecutive double-digit dig matches during the 2013 NCAA tournament with 18 against Michigan State (12/13), 15 against Stanford (12/15), 13 against No. 3 Washington (12/19) and 20 in the national championship match against No. 12 Wisconsin (12/21).

**HONORS »** Penn State Classic All-Tournament Team (9/21).

**PERSONAL »** Born Dominique Shavawn Gonzalez on July 11, 1993 in San Antonio, Texas ... Parents are Roger and Debra Gonzalez ... Has two sisters, Jaci Gonzalez Barrientes and Nicki ... Sister, Jaci, played volleyball and softball at the University of Houston and sister, Nicki, played volleyball at UT Brownsville ... majoring in kinesiology

### 2013 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Syracuse	0	0	0	.000	1	0	3	0
Louisville	0	0	1	.000	0	0	9	0
Texas	0	0	2	.000	7	0	13	0
Florida	0	1	1	-1.00	2	1	11	0
Marquette	0	0	0	.000	4	2	11	0
Central Arkansas	0	0	0	.000	0	1	14	0
FGCU	0	0	1	.000	3	0	11	0
Albany	0	0	0	.000	2	1	8	0
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	.000	2	2	20	0
Yale	0	0	0	.000	5	2	16	0
MSU	0	0	0	.000	6	1	10	0
Michigan	0	0	0	.000	4	1	12	0
Indiana	0	0	1	.000	0	0	8	0
Purdue	0	0	0	.000	4	0	14	0
Minnesota	1	0	1	1.00	2	0	19	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	.000	0	0	10	0
Illinois	0	0	0	.000	3	1	13	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	.000	0	1	4	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	.000	4	0	8	0
Iowa	0	0	0	.000	0	0	10	0
Michigan	0	0	0	.000	2	0	18	0
MSU	0	0	0	.000	2	0	11	0
Purdue	0	0	0	.000	0	0	5	0
Indiana	0	0	0	.000	3	0	7	0
Wisconsin	0	1	2	-.500	4	1	9	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0	9	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	.000	3	0	24	0
Illinois	0	0	0	.000	4	0	8	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	.000	6	0	8	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	.000	2	0	11	0
LIU Brooklyn	0	0	0	.000	2	0	9	0
Utah	0	0	0	.000	2	1	9	0
MSU	0	0	0	.000	3	0	16	0
Stanford	0	0	0	.000	6	0	15	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	2	0	13	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	.000	1	3	20	0

2013 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
1 vs. Minnesota (10/9)	Kills	1, 5x last vs. Minnesota (10/9/13)
1, 3x last vs. Florida (9/8)	Attacks	2, 2x, last vs. DePaul (9/8/12)
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
7 vs. Texas (9/7)	Assists	7, 2x last vs. Texas (9/7/13)
2, 3x last vs. Yale (9/22)	Aces	2, 7x last vs. Yale (9/22/13)
24 vs. Northwestern (11/22)	Digs	29 at Nebraska (10/29/12)
N/A	Blocks	N/A

### GONZALEZ'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2011	29-84	0	0	4	.000	19	8	123	0	0	0	0.00	0.23	0.10	1.46	0.00
2012	36-125	5	1	14	.286	96	26	457	0	0	0	0.04	0.77	0.21	3.66	0.00
2013	34-129	1	2	8	-.125	88	15	352	0	0	0	0.01	0.73	0.13	3.19	0.00
CAREER	99-329	6	3	26	.115	203	49	963	0	0	0	0.02	0.62	0.15	2.93	0.00



## NIA GRANT

SENIOR | MH  
WARREN, OHIO

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Selected to the AVCA All-Northeast Region team and earned AVCA All-America honorable mention honors ... Played in 35 games this season, starting 33 matches ... Finished fifth on the team with 208 kills, averaging 1.76 per set ... Her .350 hitting percentage ranked second on the team and fifth in the Big Ten ... Also tallied 23 aces in 2013, which closed out the season ranked second on the team ... Served up a season-high three aces at Texas (9/7) ... Recorded back-to-back double-digit kill matches at Illinois (10) and Northwestern (11) ... Logged a team-high six blocks against No. 24 Ohio State (10/23), adding four digs, three kills and an ace ... Matched a career-high mark with 11 kills against Northwestern (11/22) ... Had six kills, one ace, two digs and four blocks in the NCAA national semifinal match against No. 3 Washington (12/19) ... Posted four kills, one dig and four blocks in the national title match against No. 12 Wisconsin (12/21).

**HONORS »** AVCA All-America Honorable Mention ... AVCA All-Northeast Region team honoree.

**PERSONAL »** Born Nia Nicole Grant on May 8, 1993 in Warren, Ohio ... parents are African and Stacey Grant ... Has one brother, A.J. Grant (18), and one sister, Faith (15) ... Father, African, played football for the Miami Dolphins ... majoring in communications.

### 2013 MATCH-BY-MATCH

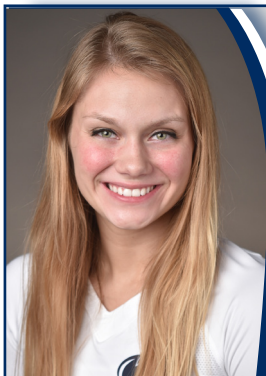
OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Syracuse	6	1	16	.312	0	1	3	1
Louisville	5	2	11	.231	0	0	6	2
Texas	4	2	8	.250	0	3	4	4
Florida	8	3	16	.312	1	1	1	2
Marquette	5	1	9	.444	0	1	2	2
Central Arkansas	6	2	11	.364	0	1	3	1
FGCU	6	1	12	.417	0	0	1	2
Albany	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Eastern Kentucky	5	0	6	.833	1	1	0	3
Yale	8	2	13	.462	0	0	1	2
MSU	9	1	12	.667	1	0	2	2
Michigan	8	4	17	.235	0	0	1	1
Indiana	2	1	4	.250	0	0	3	4
Purdue	9	2	17	.412	0	2	1	2
Minnesota	4	2	12	.167	1	0	0	4
Wisconsin	2	0	6	.333	0	1	0	0
Illinois	10	2	16	.500	0	1	2	6
Northwestern	11	1	13	.769	0	1	0	1
Ohio State	3	1	5	.400	0	1	4	6
Iowa	6	1	8	.625	0	0	1	5
Michigan	5	3	13	.154	0	0	2	4
MSU	4	0	6	.667	0	2	2	4
Purdue	9	1	11	.727	0	1	1	2
Indiana	3	1	7	.286	1	0	1	1
Wisconsin	7	2	16	.312	1	0	3	2
Minnesota	5	1	13	.308	0	1	3	2
Northwestern	11	2	17	.529	0	2	2	3
Illinois	7	5	17	.118	0	0	7	5
Ohio State	6	1	9	.556	0	0	1	2
Nebraska	4	1	8	.375	2	0	1	3
LIU Brooklyn	6	3	14	.214	0	0	1	7
Utah	5	2	13	.231	0	0	2	2
MSU	5	7	14	.059	0	0	5	1
Stanford	4	4	15	.000	1	0	4	2
Washington	6	3	13	.556	0	0	0	2
Wisconsin	4	2	10	.200	0	0	1	4

2013 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
11, 2x last vs. Northwestern (11/22)	Kills	11, 4x last vs Northwestern (11/22/13)
17, 4x last vs. Illinois (11/23)	Attacks	20 vs. Iowa (9/22/12)
.833, (5-0-6) vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/21)	Hitting Percentage	.818 (9-0-11) vs. Ohio State (10/19/11)
2 vs. Nebraska (11/30)	Assists	2 2x, last vs. Nebraska (11/30/13)
3 vs. Texas (9/7)	Aces	3 vs. Texas (9/7/13)
7 vs. Illinois (11/23)	Digs	7 vs. Illinois (11/23/13)
6 at Illinois	Blocks	9 at Minnesota (11/4/11)

### GRANT'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2011	32-117	151	44	309	.346	7	13	43	13	94	107	1.29	0.06	0.11	0.37	0.91
2012	36-124	205	52	407	.376	5	0	13	9	111	120	1.65	0.04	0.00	0.10	0.97
2013	35-118	208	64	411	.350	10	23	68	12	85	97	1.76	0.08	0.19	0.58	0.82
CAREER	103-359	564	160	1,127	.358	22	36	124	34	290	324	1.57	0.06	0.10	0.35	0.90

# 2014 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



## MICHA HANCOCK

SENIOR | S  
EDMOND, OKLA.

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Started all 36 matches at setter ... Closed out the season ranked second nationally and first in the Big Ten in aces per set, averaging 0.65 per frame ... With 254 career aces she is currently the Nittany Lions' all-time career leader in the category having surpassed Ellen Hensler ('83-'86) for first place on the all-time list ... Paced the team to a .305 hitting percentage, which closed out the season ranked fifth in the nation and first in the conference ... Recorded seven double-doubles, while also tallying eight matches with more than 10 digs ... Set a season-high mark with eight aces against Louisville (8/31) and Iowa (10/26) ... Posted five kills on eight errorless swings, hitting .625 in the NCAA national semifinal match against No. 3 Washington (12/19) ... Set the Nittany Lions to a national championship title with 16 digs, 48 assists and three aces in the national finals match against No. 12 Wisconsin (12/21).

**HONORS »** 2013 NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player ... Two-time AVCA First Team All-America (2012-13) ... 2013 AVCA All-Northeast Region ... 2013 Volleyball Magazine Second Team All-America ... Lexington Regional All-Tournament ... Two-time Big Ten Setter of the Year (2012-13) ... 2013 All-Big Ten ... Five-time Big Ten Setter of the Week in 2013 (10/7, 10/14, 11/4, 11/25, 12/2) ... Penn State Invitational MVP (8/31) ... FGCU Tournament All-Tournament Team (9/14).

**PERSONAL »** Born Micha Danielle Hancock on Nov. 10, 1992 in McAlester, Okla. ... Parents are Michael and Kelly Hancock ... Has one sister, Kelsey ... Sister, Kelsey, played volleyball at Tulsa University ... Mother, Kelly, played basketball at Oklahoma State ... Father, Michael, was a professional boxer.

### 2013 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Syracuse	5	0	9	.556	30	1	7	0
Louisville	2	0	5	.400	28	8	7	1
Texas	4	0	8	.500	51	2	8	4
Florida	5	0	6	.833	29	5	3	4
Marquette	4	0	8	.500	33	0	7	3
Central Arkansas	1	2	7	-.143	30	3	5	1
FGCU	2	0	5	.400	31	3	5	1
Albany	3	0	3	1.00	29	2	1	4
Eastern Kentucky	2	2	4	.000	39	4	4	3
Yale	3	1	5	.400	32	1	6	1
MSU	9	2	13	.538	57	1	9	0
Michigan	2	2	9	.000	44	4	11	2
Indiana	3	0	3	1.00	38	4	7	4
Purdue	2	1	7	.143	45	2	13	0
Minnesota	4	0	12	.333	67	0	8	1
Wisconsin	1	0	7	.143	33	1	4	0
Illinois	7	1	15	.400	49	1	8	3
Northwestern	4	1	8	.375	36	2	1	5
Ohio State	5	1	6	.667	23	3	11	3
Iowa	1	1	2	.000	36	8	3	1
Michigan	5	2	11	.273	48	1	9	5
MSU	2	0	3	.667	35	0	9	1
Purdue	0	1	5	-.200	35	1	9	2
Indiana	4	1	5	.600	26	3	8	3
Wisconsin	4	1	8	.375	32	2	12	1
Minnesota	4	2	10	.200	41	1	4	4
Northwestern	4	0	9	.444	63	2	9	3
Illinois	4	0	8	.500	52	0	8	2
Ohio State	1	1	7	.000	28	1	14	1
Nebraska	2	2	9	.000	49	1	9	0
LIU Brooklyn	4	2	6	.333	32	4	5	5
Utah	4	1	8	.375	32	1	9	1
MSU	7	0	11	.636	47	2	14	2
Stanford	5	4	17	.059	58	2	15	4
Washington	5	0	8	.625	39	3	6	0
Wisconsin	5	5	14	.000	48	3	16	2

2013 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
9 vs. MSU (9/27)	Kills	9 vs. MSU (9/27/13)
13 vs. MSU (9/27)	Attacks	15 vs. Illinois (10/8/11)
.833 (5-0-6) vs. Florida (9/8)	Hitting Percentage	.875 (7-0-8) vs. USC (8/27/11)
67 vs. Minnesota (10/9)	Assists	67 vs. Minnesota (10/9/13)
8 2x, last vs. Iowa (10/26)	Aces	10 vs. Binghamton (11/30/12)
13 vs. Purdue (10/5)	Digs	23 vs. Stanford (8/31/12)
5 at Northwestern (10/20)	Blocks	8 at Nebraska (10/28/12)

### HANCOCK'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2011	33-121	110	34	246	.309	1,275	91	279	5	54	59	0.91	10.54	0.75	2.31	0.49
2012	36-125	125	32	260	.358	1,403	81	298	8	68	76	1.00	11.22	0.65	2.38	0.61
2013	36-127	129	36	281	.331	1,425	82	289	5	69	74	0.99	11.15	0.63	2.23	0.60
CAREER	105-373	364	102	787	.333	4,103	254	866	18	191	209	0.97	10.97	0.68	2.31	0.57



## AIYANA WHITNEY

REDSHIRT JUNIOR | OH  
NORWOOD, N.J.

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in 21 matches during the season, recording three starts ... Tied for second on the team with six kills against Syracuse (8/31), on .455 hitting, recording three digs and two blocks ... Put down a season-high seven kills on .667 hitting against Albany (9/20), while also matching a career-high mark with four blocks ... Posted five kills on .444 efficiency against Iowa (10/26) ... Tallied two kills and one block in the NCAA tournament first round match against LIU Brooklyn (12/6) ... Notched two kills in the NCAA regional final match against Stanford (12/14).

**PERSONAL »** Born Aiyana Tremayne Abukusumo-Whitney on April 6, 1993 in New York, N.Y. ... Parents are Alvin and Vanessa Whitney ... has one brother, Khalil and one sister Anissa ... Uncle Ubusuku Abukusumo played soccer for the Columbus Crew from 1997-2000, competed on the USA U-20 Youth National Team/Olympic Pool Team in 1998-99 and the CONCACAF World Cup Qualifying Team in 1996 ... Uncle Mochtar Abukusumo played soccer earning All-America honors in 1992 and was part of the California Jaguars A League National ... Majoring in broadcast journalism.

### 2013 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Syracuse	6	1	11	.455	0	0	3	2
Louisville	1	0	2	.500	0	0	0	0
Texas	1	1	5	.000	1	0	7	1
Florida	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Marquette	1	0	1	1.000	0	0	0	0
Central Arkansas	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
FGCU	1	0	3	.333	0	0	1	1
Albany	7	1	9	.667	1	0	1	4
Eastern Kentucky	2	1	4	.250	0	0	0	0
Yale	2	1	9	.111	0	0	0	0
MSU	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Purdue	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	2	1	7	.143	0	0	1	2
Wisconsin	3	0	7	.429	0	0	0	1
Illinois	2	1	4	.250	0	0	1	0
Ohio State	2	2	7	.000	0	0	0	0
Iowa	5	1	9	.444	0	0	0	1
Michigan	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Indiana	1	0	3	.333	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	0	1	2	-.500	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
LIU Brooklyn	2	0	3	.667	0	0	1	0
Stanford	2	1	3	.333	0	0	0	0

2013 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
7 vs. Albany (9/20)	Kills	15 vs. Texas 9/10/11)
11 vs. Syracuse (8/31)	Attacks	30 vs. Texas (9/10/11)
.667 vs. Albany (9/20)	Hitting Percentage	.500 (8-0-16) vs. Delaware (12/3/11)
1 vs. Albany (9/20)	Assists	1 vs. Albany (9/20)
N/A	Acies	N/A
3 vs. Syracuse (8/31)	Digs	5 at Wisconsin (11/6/11)
4 vs. Albany (9/20)	Blocks	4, 2x last vs. Albany (9/20/13)

### WHITNEY'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2011	24-65	113	51	320	.194	0	0	14	3	22	25	1.74	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.38
2012	Redshirt season.															
2013	21-32	42	12	95	.316	1	0	8	0	12	12	1.29	0.03	0.00	0.26	0.39
CAREER	45-97	155	63	415	.222	1	0	22	3	34	37	1.59	0.01	0.00	0.23	0.39

# 2014 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



## MEGAN COURTNEY

JUNIOR | OH  
DAYTON, OHIO

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in 35 matches, starting 34 contests at outside hitter ... Posted seven double-doubles, while also tallying double-digit kills in 13 matches ... Led the team in kills in eight contests ... Notched double figure digs in 12 matches, while leading the squad in the category five times ... Registered four consecutive double-digit kill performances against Yale (11), Michigan State (15), Michigan (11) and Indiana (15) from 9/21-10/3 ... Led the team with a double-double at No. 14 Wisconsin (11/15), posting 14 kills and 11 digs ... Led the team with a career-high 10 kills on .474 (10-1-19) hitting against Northwestern (11/22) ... Led the team with 17 kills in the NCAA tournament second round match against Utah (12/7) ... Notched a double-double (10 kills, 14 digs) in the NCAA regional semifinals against Michigan State (12/13) ... Highlighted the NCAA national title match with five kills and a team-high five blocks against No. 12 Wisconsin (12/21), while also tying for team-best with 20 digs.

**HONORS »** Hilton Garden Inn Homewood Suites All-Tournament team ... 2013 Preseason All-Big Ten.

**PERSONAL »** Born Megan Eileen Courtney on Oct. 27, 1993 in Kettering, Ohio ... Parents are Rob and Sharon Courtney ... Has one brother, Robbie (24), who played volleyball at Quincy University ... Plans to major in kinesiology.

### 2013 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Syracuse	3	2	7	.143	0	0	3	2
Louisville	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Texas	5	1	14	.286	1	0	7	1
Florida	11	3	24	.333	0	0	12	1
Marquette	9	1	7	.471	1	0	10	1
Central Arkansas	10	2	21	.381	0	0	2	5
FGCU	9	0	14	.643	0	0	5	1
Albany	2	2	7	.000	1	0	3	2
Eastern Kentucky	4	2	9	.222	0	0	6	3
Yale	11	0	25	.440	2	0	5	4
MSU	15	4	39	.282	1	1	14	2
Michigan	11	3	26	.308	0	0	8	4
Indiana	15	0	20	.750	0	0	2	1
Purdue	6	5	21	.048	0	0	9	2
Minnesota	10	6	32	.125	0	0	22	6
Wisconsin	6	5	17	.059	1	0	3	4
Illinois	2	2	17	.000	0	0	11	2
Northwestern	10	1	19	.474	1	0	7	0
Ohio State	5	3	13	.154	2	0	7	1
Iowa	0	0	0	.000	0	0	6	1
Michigan	17	2	38	.395	2	0	9	7
MSU	4	1	12	.250	2	0	4	1
Purdue	4	2	17	.118	1	0	2	3
Indiana	5	1	14	.286	1	0	3	3
Wisconsin	15	3	30	.400	1	0	11	2
Minnesota	9	5	25	.160	2	0	9	1
Northwestern	21	5	45	.356	1	0	17	3
Illinois	6	6	25	.000	1	0	19	4
Ohio State	6	3	23	.130	0	0	5	5
Nebraska	14	4	32	.312	0	0	12	4
LIU Brooklyn	5	3	14	.143	1	0	4	1
Utah	17	2	27	.556	2	0	6	3
MSU	10	3	29	.241	3	0	14	2
Stanford	9	9	34	.000	0	0	14	2
Washington	6	0	11	.545	2	0	9	2
Wisconsin	5	5	22	.000	4	0	20	0

2013 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
21 vs. Northwestern (11/22)	Kills	21 vs. Northwestern (11/22/13)
39 vs. MSU ( 9/27)	Attacks	47 at Michigan (10/20/12)
.750 (15-0-20) vs. Indiana (10/3)	Hitting Percentage	.750 (15-0-20) vs. Indiana (10/3/13)
2, 3x last vs. Minnesota (11/16)	Assists	4 vs. Morehead State (8/24/12)
1 vs. MSU (9/27)	Aces	2, 3x, last at Purdue (11/17/12)
22 vs. Minnesota (10/9)	Digs	22 vs. Minnesota (10/9/13)
7 at Michigan (11/1)	Blocks	8 at Michigan (10/20/12)

### COURTNEY'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2012	36-120	240	88	632	.241	33	13	237	32	69	101	2.00	0.28	0.11	1.98	0.84
2013	35-120	297	96	740	.272	32	1	301	28	59	87	2.48	0.27	0.01	2.51	0.73
Career	71-240	537	184	1,372	.257	65	14	509	60	128	188	2.24	0.27	0.06	2.24	0.78



## LARA CARAWAY

JUNIOR | DS  
EVANS CITY, Pa.

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in 21 matches during the 2013 season ... Totaled seven digs during the season, including two at Florida Gulf Coast University (9/14) and against Yale (9/21) ... Played in both of the NCAA tournament first and second round matches against LIU Brooklyn (12/5) and Utah (12/7) ... Also saw action in the NCAA regional semifinal match against Michigan State (12/13), as well as the NCAA national final match against No. 3 Washington (12/19).

**PERSONAL »** Born Lara Elizabeth Caraway on Feb. 22, 1994 in Lincoln, Neb. ... Parents are Jimmy and Tami Caraway ... Has one brother, John ... Majoring in kinesiology ... Plans to pursue a career as a coach or athletic performance trainer.

### 2013 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Syracuse	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Marquette	0	0	1	.000	0	0	1	0
Central Arkansas	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
FGCU	0	0	0	.000	1	0	2	0
Albany	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Yale	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
MSU	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Iowa	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Purdue	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Illinois	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0
LIU Brooklyn	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Utah	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
MSU	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0

2013 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	N/A
1 vs. Marquette (9/13)	Attacks	1 vs. Marquette (9/13)
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
1 at FGCU (9/14)	Assists	, 2x last at FGCU (9/14/13)
1 vs. Illinois (11/23)	Aces	1, 4x, last vs. Illinois (11/23/13)
2, 2x last vs. Albany (9/20)	Digs	2, 3x last vs. Albany (9/20/13)
N/A	Blocks	N/A

### CARAWAY'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2012	16-24	0	0	0	.000	1	3	5	0	0	0	0.00	0.04	0.13	0.21	0.00
2013	20-23	0	0	1	.000	1	1	6	0	0	0	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.32	0.00
CAREER	34-45	0	0	1	.000	2	4	11	0	0	0	0.00	0.04	0.09	0.24	0.00

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## KENDALL PIERCE

JUNIOR | DS  
EDEN, N.Y.

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in 35 matches during the 2013 season, recording seven aces and 21 digs ... Registered seven aces and 21 digs on the year ... Posted a season-high three digs against Yale (9/21) ... Matched the mark again during the regular season with three digs against Ohio State (11/27) ... Totaled three digs in the NCAA tournament first round match against LIU Brooklyn (12/6) ... Saw action in four more NCAA tournament matches including the NCAA regional final match against Stanford (12/14) and the national title match against Wisconsin (12/21).

**PERSONAL »** Born Kendall Adair Pierce on March 21, 1994 in Glarus, Switzerland ... Parents are Robert and Kiernan Pierce ... Has one sister, Lainy and one brother, Declan ... Father, Robert, played volleyball at Penn State from 1985-89 ... Mother, Kiernan, was a member of the PSU track & field team from 1984-89 ... Sister, Lainy is a freshman for the Nittany Lions ... Majoring in health policy and administration with a minor in communication and sciences.

### 2013 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Syracuse	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0
Louisville	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Texas	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Florida	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0
Marquette	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Central Arkansas	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
FGCU	0	0	0	.000	0	1	2	0
Albany	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Yale	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0
MSU	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
Michigan	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Purdue	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Iowa	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
MSU	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Purdue	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	.000	0	1	2	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
LIU Brooklyn	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0
Utah	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
MSU	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Stanford	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0

2013 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	N/A
N/A	Attacks	N/A
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
N/A	Assists	1, 2x, last vs. Binghamton (11/30/12)
1, 6x last vs. Minnesota (10/9)	Aces	1, 6x last vs. Minnesota (10/9)
3 vs. Yale (9/21)	Digs	3 vs. Yale (9/21/13)
N/A	Blocks	N/A

### PIERCE'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2012	18-29	0	0	0	.000	2	9	7	0	0	0	0.00	0.07	0.31	0.24	0.00
2013	33-80	0	0	0	.000	1	7	21	0	0	0	0.00	0.01	0.09	0.28	0.00
CAREER	52-109	0	0	0	.000	3	16	28	0	0	0	0.00	0.03	0.15	0.27	0.00





## LAURA BROERMAN

SOPHOMORE | DS  
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.

**PERSONAL »** Born Laura Lynn Broerman on January 18, 1995 ... Parents are Chuck and Vickie Broerman ... Has two sisters ... Sister, Sarah, played volleyball at UCCS from 2005-09 and Rachel was a member of volleyball team at University of Dayton from 2007-11 ... Plans to major in Biology and become a physician's assistant

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Saw action in five matches during the 2013 season ... Made her collegiate debut for the Nittany Lions against Syracuse (8/31), tallying one dig ... Saw action at FGCU (9/14) ... Totaled one dig against Albany (9/20) ... Played against Iowa (10/26) ... Recorded her first collegiate ace against Indiana (11/9).

2013 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	N/A
N/A	Attacks	N/A
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
N/A	Assists	N/A
1 vs. Indiana (11/9)	Aces	1 vs. Indiana (11/9/13)
1, 2x last vs. Albany (9/20)	Digs	1, 2x last vs. Albany (9/20/13)
N/A	Blocks	N/A

### BROERMAN'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2013	5-0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	2	0	0	0	0.00	0.0	0.20	0.40	0.00
CAREER	5-0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	2	0	0	0	0.00	0.0	0.20	0.40	0.00



## TAYLOR KRAUSE

SOPHOMORE | DS  
ALLENTOWN, Pa.

**PERSONAL »** Born Taylor Krause on Aug. 21, 1995 in Allentown, Pa. ... Parents are Michael and Jill Krause ... Has one sister, Kristin (14) ... Mother, Jill, attended Penn State ... Plans to major in elementary education and become a kindergarten teacher.

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in 10 matches during her rookie season ... Made her collegiate debut for Penn State against Syracuse (8/31), notching one dig ... Made her NCAA Tournament debut against LIU Brooklyn (12/6).

2013 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	N/A
N/A	Attacks	N/A
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
N/A	Assists	N/A
N/A	Aces	N/A
2 vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/21)	Digs	2 vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/21/13)

### KRAUSE'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2013	10-0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	5	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00
CAREER	10-0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	5	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00

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## CARLEY MULLER

SOPHOMORE | DS  
MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif.

**PERSONAL »** Born Carley Muller on April 7, 1995 ... Parents are Mike and Kristin Muller ... Has one sister, Ashley and one brother, Jay ... Plans to major in communications and work in television production after graduation.

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in seven matches during her rookie campaign ... Made her collegiate debut on the court against Syracuse (8/31) ... Also saw action in three Big Ten conference matches against No. 11 Minnesota (10/9), Iowa (10/26) and Indiana (11/9).

2013 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	N/A
N/A	Attacks	N/A
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
N/A	Assists	N/A
N/A	Aces	N/A
N/A	Digs	N/A

### MULLER'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2013	7-0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAREER	7-0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



## KELLY ROBERTSON

SOPHOMORE | MH  
ALLENTOWN, Pa.

**PERSONAL »** Born Kelly Marie Robertson on Jan. 8, 1995 in Allentown, Pa. ... Parents are William and Robin Robertson ... Has one sister, Brooke (17) ... Plans to major in elementary education.

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Made three appearances on the court during her rookie season ... Made her collegiate debut for Penn State against Albany (9/20) notching three kills and two blocks ... Matched a career-high mark with three kills against Iowa (10/26) ... Equaled her personal best mark with two blocks against Indiana (11/9).

2013 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
3 2x, last vs. Iowa (10/26)	Kills	3 2x, last vs. Iowa (10/26/13)
5 vs. Albany (9/20)	Attacks	5 vs. Albany (9/20/13)
1.00 (3-0-3) vs. Iowa (10/26)	Hitting Percentage	1.00 (3-0-3) vs. Iowa (10/26/13)
N/A	Assists	N/A
N/A	Aces	N/A
N/A	Digs	N/A
2, 2x last vs. Indiana (11/9)	Blocks	2, 2x last vs. Indiana (11/9/13)

### ROBERTSON'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2013	3-0	6	1	9	.556	0	0	0	0	4	4	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.33
CAREER	3-0	6	1	9	.556	0	0	0	0	4	4	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.33



## SKYLAR DYKSTRA

FRESHMAN | DS  
REDONDO BEACH, CALIF. (UCLA)

**QUOTING COACH ROSE »** "What I like about Skylar was that when I followed her in club she was a well skilled, strong player who played hard all the time. I thought she was loud in her court presence and she was involved in the welfare of her team, not just playing the game."

**HIGH SCHOOL »** A four-year starter at Redondo Union High School ... Earned First Team All-CIF honors during her senior season ... Named Player of the Year by the Daily Breeze and Volleyball Now ... Honored as the California Gatorade Player of the Year and a High School First Team All-American ... Helped the Sea Hawks to a 1-AA CIF Runner-Up finish and a third-place showing at State in 2012 ... A two-time team captain for RUHS ... Also named All-CIF her other three seasons ... A Prep Volleyball Senior Ace.

**PERSONAL »** Born Skylar Jade Dykstra on Nov. 27, 1994 in Santa Monica, Calif. ... Parents are Lisa and Jerry Joe Dykstra ... Father played basketball at Western Illinois and holds the NCAA consecutive free throws record for 19 years, also drafted by the Phoenix Suns and played professionally in Europe ... Has three older sisters, Jenna, who played four years of volleyball at Davidson, Devon, who played one season at both Colorado and UCLA, and Lara, who has played at Nebraska and is currently at Pepperdine ... Older brother, Joey, played at USC and is currently a professional beach player ... Plans to major in communications.



## ALI FRANTTI

FRESHMAN | OH  
SPRING GROVE, ILL.

**HIGH SCHOOL »** Led her high school team, Richmond Burton, to a state title in 2013 ... Garnered First Team All-State honors and Chicago Sun-Times All Area honors in 2012 ... A three-time team MVP and two-year captain ... With her club team, Club Fusion, she helped guide the squad to back-to-back AAU titles, collecting MVP honors in 2012 and all-tournament honors in 2013 ... Also earned 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-America honors.

**PERSONAL »** Born Alexandra Annelise Frantti on March 3, 1996 in Highland Park, Ill. ... Parents are Kelly and Dan Frantti ... Has three brothers, Connor (19), Peyton (16) and Chase (13).

**QUOTING COACH ROSE »** "I think Ali has the potential to be an All-America college volleyball player. She has a good arm, great range, and she hits from a high contact point. She is also refreshingly focused on being a good volleyball player. She also sent me a letter in seventh grade saying she wanted to be a Penn State volleyball player."



## SIMONE LEE

FRESHMAN | OH  
MENOMONEE FALLS, WIS.

**HIGH SCHOOL »** Four-year letter winner and two-year captain at Menomonee ... Helped guide the Indians to a WIAA State Championship title in 2013 ... Picked up All-State honors following her sophomore and junior year ... With her club team, Club Fusion, she earned four AAU all-tournament team honors ... A member of the 2012 and 2013 USA Girls' Youth National Team ... Helped the U18 squad to a first place finish in the NORCECA Continental Championships in 2012 and a second place finish at the FIVB U18 World Championships in 2013 ... A 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-American.

**PERSONAL »** Born Simone Alexandra Lee on Oct. 7, 1996 in Milwaukee, Wis. ... Parents are Karen and Arthur Lee ... Mother and father were both student-athletes at Drake ... Has one sister, who plays volleyball at Eastern Illinois ... Plans to major in psychology.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE »** "Simone is physically strong and she's a terrific natural blocker. I think that both her and Ali have loads of experience as primary passers and attackers, and I know it takes a

special talent and skill set to have the potential to be able to do that."



## LAINY PIERCE

FRESHMAN | DS  
EDEN, N.Y

**HIGH SCHOOL »** Four-year letterwinner at Eden Junior-Senior ... Helped her high school squad to its fifth state championship as the team captain, picking up MVP honors in 2013 ... 2012 New York Volleyball Gatorade Player of the Year finalist ... Earned First-Team All ECIC and WYN honors in 2012 and 2013 ... Also helped guide her club team, Niagara Frontier, to WEVA Regional Championships from 2008- 2013.

**PERSONAL »** Born Lainy Teal Pierce on Oct. 30, 1995 in Buffalo, N.Y. ... Parents are Robert and Kiernan Pierce ... Has one sister, Kendall, and one brother, Declan ... Father, Robert, played volleyball at Penn State from 1985-89 ... Mother, Kiernan, was a member of the PSU track & field team from 1984-89 ... Sister, Kendall is a junior on the team ... Plans to major in human development and family studies.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE »** "What I like about Lainy is that she led her high school to a state championship from the setting position, but I've

also seen her play club ball at the libero position and I know that she's also previously played at outside hitter. She has a full array of various skills and an understanding of the different positions so hopefully we can find the spot where she can give us the best chance for success."



## NIA REED

FRESHMAN | OH  
FORT LEE, N.J.

to playing with better players, the speed of the college game and higher expectations."

**HIGH SCHOOL »** A four-year starter at Immaculate Heart Academy ... Led her team to four consecutive non-public state championship titles, picking up Bergen Record Player of the Year honors in 2012 and 2013 and Star Ledger Player of the Year honors in 2011, 2012 and 2013 ... Also picked up Big North Conference All-State honors from 2010-2013 ... In addition to playing with her club team, "Digs," she also played on the USAV Girls' Youth A2 Team in 2012, serving as an alternate on the national team in 2013 ... Selected as a 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-American ... Earned New Jersey Volleyball Gatorade Player of the Year honors in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

**PERSONAL »** Born Nia Kai Reed on June 27, 1996 in Cleveland, Ohio ... Parents are JoMoree and William ... Has one older brother and five younger sisters ... Undecided on a major.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE »** "Nia is athletically off the charts in some areas. She touches close to 11 feet and she is naturally strong and so much of her ability to perform at this level will be based on how she transitions



## HEIDI THELEN

FRESHMAN | MB  
EDGEWOOD, KY.

**HIGH SCHOOL »** A four-year letter winner at Notre Dame Academy ... A two-time Best Offensive Player selection ... Earned Class AAA All-State accolades in 2013, while also picking up All-State honors by the Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association in 2013 ... Earned all-tournament team honors at AAU Nationals in 2012 and 2013 with her club team, Tri-State Elite, garnering AAU All-America honors in 2011 ... Selected as a 2013-14 Under Armour Honorable Mention All-American.

**PERSONAL »** Born Heidi Ellen Thelen on Sept. 5, 1996 ... Parents are Ashley and Jon ... Has two brothers, Jake (21) and Nick (13) and two sisters, Hannah (18) and Grace (15) ... Undecided on a major.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE »** "Heidi is a player who we have had in camp for a number of years. She's played most of her game as a middle. I think her strength is her blocking and I know she plays hard and has a very even keel emotionally on the floor."



## HALEIGH WASHINGTON

FRESHMAN | MB  
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

good college blocking is. She will be able to help us in a number of ways and laughing will be one of them."

**HIGH SCHOOL »** Holds a Colorado state record after putting down 48 kills in a match with her high school team, Doherty ... Earned 2012 Colorado Volleyball Player of the Year honors as well as team MVP accolades in 2012 and 2013 as the Rockets' team captain for two consecutive seasons ... Also guided Doherty to a state championship title in 2012 ... Two-time Colorado Gatorade Player of the Year from 2012-13 ... Earned Class 5A First Team All-Conference and First Team All-State honors from 2010-13 ... Also earned Class 5A MVP honors ... A 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-American ... 2013 Mizuno First Team All-American ... 2013 Volleyball Magazine Player of the Year.

**PERSONAL »** Born Haleigh Meridian Washington on Sept. 22, 1995 in Denver, Colo. ... Parents are Danielle and Aleks ... Has one brother, Kaden (15) and one sister, Leilani (13) ... Plans to major in communications.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE »** "Haleigh has a great vibrant personality and she will be able to hit some great balls as a freshman and also learn how



## BRYANNA WEISKIRCHER

FRESHMAN | S  
LOVES PARK, ILL.

**HIGH SCHOOL »** Three-year captain and three-time team MVP at Boylan Catholic ... Earned All-State honorable mention honors in both her sophomore and junior seasons, achieving NIC 10 All-Conference MVP honors in her sophomore, junior and senior seasons ... Helped guide her club team, Club Fusion, to two AAU championships as the squad's setter ... 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-American ... 2013 Mizuno Honorable Mention All-American.

**PERSONAL »** Born Bryanna Mailao'kalani Weiskircher on May 25, 1996 in Rockford, Ill. ... Parents are Renita and Philip ... Has two brothers, Torey (24) and Trevor (19) and one sister, Natalie (27) ... Plans to major in forensic science.

**QUOTING ROSE ROSE »** "Bryanna is a confident, trained setter who does some things really well. I know she will have a bright career at Penn State, she has great hands good control of the ball and she's been setting for a long time."