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#### Postmatch Notes

Saint Francis 3, Penn State 1

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University Park, Pa. (Rec Hall)

#### Team

No. 9 Penn State fell short against Saint Francis in four sets (29-27,26-28,22-25,23-25) in the semifinal match of the EIVA championship match.

Tonight's loss sets the Nittany Lions' overall record back to 19-10 and EIVA record to 12-3.

Junior Chris Nugent recorded his second double-double performance of the season with a match-high 20 kills to go along with 12 digs.

Redshirt-sophomore Aidan Albrecht and redshirt-senior Matt Seifert also tallied double figure kills in the match tonight posting 12 and 10 kills, respectively.

PSU out-dug Saint Francis 45 to 39 with two Nittany Lions scoring double-digit digs. Redshirt-freshman Royce Clemens notched 14 digs while junior Chris Nugent had a total of 12.

Redshirt-sophomore Jalen Penrose led the team from the service line with a season-high four service aces in the first set.

Redshirt-senior Matt Seifert matched his season-high performance with 10 kills, marking his fourth match of the season with double-digit kills.

#### Series

Penn State owns a 37-2 advantage in the all-time series against Saint Francis, having played two matches against the Red Flash earlier in the season.

#### Players

##### **Chris Nugent, junior outside hitter**

Nugent led the offense with 20 kills, marking his second double-double performance of the season while adding 12 digs.

Tonight also marks his third match of the season with 20 or more kills.

##### **Jalen Penrose, redshirt-sophomore outside hitter**

Penrose registered both a match-high and season-high four aces from the service line to go along with two kills and one dig.

##### **Matt Callaway, redshirt-junior middle hitter**

Callaway led the blocking unit logging five blocks including one solo stuff.

##### **Aidan Albrecht, redshirt-sophomore opposite**

Albrecht finished second on the team with 12 kills, marking his fifth match with 12 or more kills.

**Matt Seifert, redshirt-senior middle hitter**

Seifert finished third on the team matching his season-high of 10 kills including two blocks and one service ace.

**Taylor Hammond, redshirt-senior setter**

Hammond dished out 51 assists, pacing the team to a .229 hitting percentage, adding nine digs and one block.

Tonight marks his fourth match of the season with 50 or more assists.