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Postmatch Notes

Penn State 3, Sacred Heart 1

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University Park, Pa. (Rec Hall)

Team

No.11 Penn State pushed past Sacred Heart in four sets (25-20,23-25,25-18,25-16) Saturday evening, improving their overall record to 18-8 and EIVA record to 11-1.

Junior Chris Nugent led the Nittany Lions for the 16th match of the season with 21 kills on .645 hitting. Redshirt-senior Matt Seifert and redshirt-freshman Lee Smith tied to finish second on the team posting eight kills apiece.

Penn State out-blocked Sacred Heart 9.5 to 5.0 with multi-block performances by six different Nittany Lions. Junior Chris Nugent, redshirt-freshman Lee Smith, redshirt-senior Matt Seifert, and redshirt-junior Matt Callaway tied to lead the team, each contributing three blocks.

The Nittany Lions out-dug the Pioneers 39-33, led by a match-high 12 digs from redshirt-freshmen Royce Clemens and Lee Smith.

Redshirt-freshman Lee Smith recorded both a season-high and match-high 12 digs while junior Chris Nugent logged his second match of the season with 20 or more kills.

Series

Penn State improves their overall record to 12-0 in the all-time series against Sacred Heart. This is PSU's second time defeating the Pioneers this season.

Players

Chris Nugent, junior outside hitter

Nugent led the offense with a match-high 21 kills marking his second match of the season with 20 or more kills.

He also tied to lead the team from the service line with one ace while adding three digs and three blocks.

Royce Clemens, redshirt-freshman middle blocker

Clemens tied to lead the defense for the 19th time this season, tallying 12 digs. Tonight marks his seventh match with 12 or more digs.

Lee Smith, redshirt-freshman outside hitter

Smith recorded a season-high performance of 12 digs, marking his marking his first double-digit dig performance.

He finished second on the team with eight kills while posting three solo blocks and notching one service ace.

Aiden Albrecht, redshirt-sophomore opposite

Albrecht logged seven kills in the match, marking his ninth match of the season with seven or more kills.

Matt Seifert, redshirt-senior middle hitter

Seifert helped lead the blocking unit with three blocks while finishing second on the team with eight kills.

Tonight marks his seventh match of the season with eight or more kills.

Taylor Hammond, redshirt-senior setter

Hammond dished out 49 assists, pacing the team to a .396 hitting percentage, adding four digs and two blocks.