Postmatch Notes Penn State 3, UC Irvine 1 Mar. 21, 2016 University Park, Pa. (Rec Hall)

Team

No. 6 Penn State pushed past UC Irvine in four sets (23-25, 25-20, 25-16, 25-18) Monday evening, making their overall record 13-6.

Two Nittany Lions recorded double figure kills in the match. Redshirt-sophomore Aidan Albrecht led the team for the first time this season posting 12 kills for his fifth double-digit kill performance of the season. Redshirt-junior Spencer Sauter finished second on the team tallying 10 kills.

PSU out-blocked UC Irvine 12.5-4.0 with multi-block performances by seven different Nittany Lions. Redshirt-senior Matt Seifert led the team for the ninth time this season, totaling six blocks.

The Nittany Lions out-dug the Anteaters 36 to 28, led by a match-high 10 digs from redshirt-freshman Royce Clemens.

Series

Penn State moves ahead to 5-8 in the all-time series against UC-Irvine.

Players

Aidan Albrecht, redshirt-sophomore opposite

Albrecht led the offense for the first time this season with a total of 12 kills, marking his fifth double figure kill performance of the season.

He also finished second on the team with seven digs to go along with three blocks.

Royce Clemens, redshirt-freshman middle blocker

Clemens led the defensive unit for the 12th time this season, tallying a match-high 10 digs.

Matt Seifert, redshirt-senior middle hitter

Seifert logged six blocks to led the blocking unit for the ninth time this season while posting seven kills on ten errorless swings.

Chris Nugent, junior outside hitter

Nugent finished third on the team with nine blocks and registered two aces to lead the team from the service line.

Taylor Hammond, redshirt-senior setter

Hammond dished out 35 assists, pacing the team to a .327 hitting percentage, while finishing third on the team with six digs.

He also matched his season-high with a total of four blocks.

Kevin Gear, redshirt-sophomore middle blocker

Gear notched five kills in the win, marking his fourth match with five or more kills.

Spencer Sauter, redshirt-junior outside hitter Sauter finished second on team with 10 digs for his fifth double-digit kill performance of the season, matching his season-high of four blocks.