



PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

SEVEN-TIME NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

34 NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES | 16 BIG TEN TITLES

2015 SCHEDULE & RECORD

Overall: 8-0 (Home: 5-0, Away: 1-0, Neutral: 2-0)

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

AUGUST

Penn State Classic

28	vs. BUFFALO	W, 3-0
29	vs. STONY BROOK	W, 3-0
29	vs. VILLANOVA	W, 3-0

SEPTEMBER

Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge

4	vs. No. 21 COLORADO#	W, 3-0
5	vs. No. 2 STANFORD	W, 3-0

Golden Dome Invitational

11	vs. Eastern Kentucky	W, 3-0
12	vs. Mississippi State	W, 3-0
12	at Notre Dame	W, 3-0

South Florida Invitational

18	vs. Auburn	6 p.m.
19	vs. St. John's	1 p.m.
19	at South Florida	7:30 p.m.
23	vs. WISCONSIN*#	7 p.m.
26	vs. MINNESOTA*	7 p.m.

OCTOBER

2	vs. NEBRASKA*#	7 p.m.
3	vs. IOWA*	7 p.m.
9	at Northwestern*	8 p.m.
10	at Illinois*#	8 p.m.
16	vs. INDIANA*	7 p.m.
17	vs. PURDUE*	7 p.m.
21	at Michigan*#	7 p.m.
24	at Michigan State*	7 p.m.
28	at Ohio State*#	5 p.m.
30	vs. OHIO STATE*	7 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5	at Maryland*	7 p.m.
6	at Rutgers*	7 p.m.
11	at Iowa*	8 p.m.
14	at Minnesota*	8 p.m.
18	vs. MICHIGAN*	7 p.m.
21	vs. MARYLAND*	7 p.m.
25	vs. NORTHWESTERN*	7 p.m.
28	at Nebraska*	8 p.m.

DECEMBER

4-6 NCAA First/Second Rounds TBA

11-12 NCAA Regionals

(Austin, Des Moines, Lexington, San Diego)

17-19 NCAA Championship Omaha, Neb.

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 •

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WEEK 4: SOUTH FLORIDA INVITATIONAL

Friday, Sept. 18 - Saturday, Sept. 19 | Tampa, Fla. (The Corral)

#1 PENN STATE VS. GOLDEN DOME INVITATIONAL OPPONENTS

PENN STATE
NITTANY LIONS



Record: 8-0
Big Ten: 0-0
National Rank: #1
Head coach: Russ Rose
Overall Record: 1,169 - 180

AUBURN
TIGERS



Record: 7-2
SEC: 0-0
National Rank: NR
Last Outing: First Meeting
Head coach: Rick Nold

ST. JOHN'S
RED STORM



Record: 6-1
BIG EAST: 0-0
National Rank: NR
Last Outing: 9/18/2010
Head coach: Joanne Perisco

USF
BULLS



Record: 2-7
AAC: 0-0
National Rank: NR
Last Outing: 9/8/1988
Head coach: Courtney Draper

FIRST SERVE

» Penn State hits the road for the second consecutive week, traveling to Tampa for the South Florida Invitational. The Nittany Lions open the weekend with a matchup against Auburn, Friday, Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. PSU returns to the court the next day to take on St. John's, Sept. 19 at 1 p.m. before meeting tournament host South Florida at 7:30 p.m.

» The Nittany Lions went 3-0 last weekend, winning all three matches to capture the Golden Dome Invitational title. With the consecutive victories, Penn State has now won its last 28 straight matches, dating back to its first win in the streak on Oct. 17, 2014.

» Penn State has earned all eight of its victories this year by way of a 3-0 sweep. The Nittany Lions have not dropped a set since surrendering the second set of the 2014 NCAA national semifinal match against Stanford, Dec. 18, 2014.

» Senior Megan Courtney earned Golden Dome Invitational Most Outstanding Player honors, while redshirt freshman Bryanna Weiskircher and sophomore Ali Frantti joined her on the all-tournament team.

» Senior Kendall Pierce has been selected as a candidate for the 2015 Senior CLASS Award. Pierce is one of 30 women's volleyball student-athletes to be named a candidate, along with one other from the Big Ten conference. The Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

» Averaging 3.46 blocks per set on the year, Penn State has commanded a 83.0 - 30.0 advantage in the blocking margin against its opponents in 2015. The average ranks first nationally. Individually, sophomore Haleigh Washington's 1.58 blocks per set ranks eighth nationally and also leads the Big Ten.

» Penn State's .310 hitting clip ranks sixth in the NCAA national standings, helped out by Haleigh Washington's team-high .477 hitting clip, which is slotted eighth nationally. The Nittany Lions have limited their opponents to just a .086 hitting efficiency, which ranks second in the nation.

» PSU was voted No. 1 overall for the fourth consecutive week in the latest AVCA Top 25 Coaches' Poll. Penn State received all 64 first place votes to earn a unanimous selection.

» Including Penn State, more than half of the Big Ten teams in the conference are featured in this week's AVCA Top 25 poll, including a season-high eight in the top 25 and two receiving votes.

» Penn State and St. John's have met just two times in Nittany Lion program history. PSU has swept the Redstorm in both outings, including the most recent meeting in 2010. Penn State and St. John's have never played each other on the road or at a neutral site.

» Penn State's outing against Auburn marks the first meeting between the two programs. Auburn is PSU's third "first meeting" this season as Penn State played Stony Brook for the first time in the Penn State Classic and Mississippi State last week at the Golden Dome Invite.

» The Nittany Lions and the Bulls have not met since 1988, when Penn State captured a 3-0 win on the road in Tampa. In addition to the outing in 1988, PSU also swept USF in the only other meeting between the two teams in 1986 on the road.

» After guiding Penn State to a 2-0 mark in the Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge, sophomore Haleigh Washington earned Co-Big Ten Player of the Week honors. She shared the award with Ohio State's Taylor Sandbothe. The nod is Washington's second career Big Ten Player of the Week laurel.

» Penn State was voted No. 1 overall in the 2015 AVCA Preseason Coaches Poll, earning 54 of a possible 64 first-place votes.

» The Nittany Lions were voted No. 1 in the Big Ten Preseason Coaches' Poll for the 10th time in the last 11 years. Four Nittany Lions earned preseason All-Big Ten honors.

» Penn State improved to 32-7-1 all-time in season-openers, after sweeping Buffalo. The win against the Bulls marks the Nittany Lions' fourth consecutive season-opening victory.

2015 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

PENN STATE AT A GLANCE

THE UNIVERSITY

Location: University Park, Pa. 16802
 Founded:1855
 Enrollment: 46,068
 Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Nittany Lions
 Conference: Big Ten
 President: Dr. Eric Barron
 Director of Athletics: Sandy Barbour
 Assoc. AD/SWA: Charmelle Green
 Facility (capacity): Rec Hall (5,812)

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL STAFF

Head Coach: Russ Rose (37th season)
 Alma Mater: George Williams, 1975
 Overall Record (Yrs/Pct): 1,161-180 (36/.866)
 School Record: same
 Associate Head Coach: Salima Rockwell
 Assistant Coach: Stevie Mussie
 Director of Operations: Jesse Tupac
 Volunteer Assistant Shawn Sangrey
 Office Phone: (814) 863-7474
 Office Fax: (814) 865-1746
 Office Address: 235 Rec Hall

2014 IN REVIEW

2014 Record: 36-3
 Home: 18-1
 Away: 10-2
 Neutral: 8-0
 Big Ten record (finish): 18-2 (2nd)
 Final AVCA Ranking: No. 1
 Postseason: NCAA national champions
 First round: defeated Siena, 3-0
 Second round: defeated Dayton, 3-0
 Regional semifinal: defeated UCLA, 3-0
 Regional final: defeated Wisconsin, 3-1
 National semifinal: defeated Stanford, 3-1
 National final: defeated BYU, 3-0

NITTANY LION HISTORY

First Year of Volleyball: 1976
 All-Time Record (Years): 1,212-223-4 (39)
 All-Time Big Ten Record: 425-55
 Years/Win Pct.: 24/.885
 Big Ten Titles: 16
 ('92, '93, '96, '97, '98, '99, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '12, '13)
 NCAA Tournament Appearances: 34
 NCAA Tournament Record: 90-27
 NCAA National Championships: 7
 (1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014)

2015 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	SP	K/S	%	A/S	SA/S	D/S	B/S
2	Lara Caraway	DS	5-4	Sr.	3	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Kendall Pierce	DS	5-5	Sr.	18	0.00	-.500	0.17	0.06	0.83	0.00
4	Wilma Rivera	S	5-8	Fr.	8	0.00	.000	2.12	0.00	1.00	0.00
5	Ali Frantti	OH	6-2	So.	24	3.08	.262	0.12	0.04	1.79	0.29
6	Nia Reed	OH	6-2	RS-Fr.	3	1.00	.286	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Lainy Pierce	DS	5-6	So.	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	Carley Muller	DS	5-8	So.	8	0.00	.000	0.12	0.25	1.00	0.00
11	Tori Gorrell	MB	6-2	Fr.	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Keeton Holcomb	DS	5-6	Fr.	23	0.00	.000	0.48	0.09	3.74	0.00
13	Taylor Krause	DS	5-5	Jr.	17	0.00	.000	0.12	0.35	1.12	0.00
14	Aiyana Whitney	OH	6-3	RS-Sr.	24	2.88	.307	0.08	0.00	0.38	1.08
15	Haleigh Washington	MB	6-3	So.	24	2.58	.477	0.04	0.29	0.62	1.58
16	Jelena Novaković	RS	6-2	Fr.	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	Megan Courtney	OH	6-1	Sr.	24	3.17	.318	0.58	0.25	3.29	0.96
19	Heidi Thelen	MB	6-2	So.	24	0.54	.250	0.25	0.00	0.25	1.38
21	Bryanna Weiskircher	S	6-0	RS-Fr.	24	0.46	.171	9.67	0.33	1.75	0.67
22	Simone Lee	OH	6-0	So.	10	0.60	.167	0.00	0.10	0.20	0.20
24	Laura Broerman	DS	5-3	So.	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

PENN STATE

24 13.08 .310 12.17 1.42 13.83 3.46

OPPONENTS

24 10.46 .086 9.92 0.92 12.75 1.25

Head Coach:

Russ Rose (George Williams, 1975), 37th year

Associate Head Coach:

Salima Rockwell (Penn State, 1994)

Assistant Coach:

Stevie Mussie (Washington, 2008)

Director of Operations:

Jesse Tupac (UCLA)

Volunteer Assistant:

Shawn Sangrey (Ohio State)

ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School (College)
24	Laura Broerman	Jr.	DS	5-3	Colorado Springs, Colo./St. Mary's
2	Lara Caraway	Sr.	DS	5-4	Evans City, Pa./Home Schooled
17	Megan Courtney	Sr.	OH	6-1	Dayton, Ohio/Archbishop Alter
5	Ali Frantti	So.	OH	6-2	Spring Grove, Ill./Richmond Burton
11	Tori Gorrell	Fr.	MB	6-2	Oakville, Ontario/Abbey Park
12	Keeton Holcomb	Fr.	DS	5-6	Belville, Texas/Belville
13	Taylor Krause	Jr.	DS	5-5	Allentown, Pa./Parkland High
22	Simone Lee	So.	OH	6-0	Menomonee Falls, Wis./Menomonee
10	Carley Muller	Jr.	DS	5-8	Manhattan Beach, Calif./Mira Costa
16	Jelena Novaković	Fr.	RS	6-2	Belgrade, Serbia/Tourism High School
3	Kendall Pierce	Sr.	DS	5-5	Eden, N.Y./Eden
8	Lainy Pierce	So.	DS	5-6	Eden, N.Y./Eden
6	Nia Reed	RS-Fr.	OH	6-2	Fort Lee, N.J./Immaculate Heart Academy
4	Wilma Rivera	Fr.	S	5-8	Carolina, Puerto Rico/Saint Francis School
19	Heidi Thelen	So.	MB	6-2	Edgewood, Ky./Notre Dame Academy
15	Haleigh Washington	So.	MB	6-3	Colorado Springs, Colo./Doherty High School
21	Bryanna Weiskircher	RS-Fr.	S	6-0	Loves Park, Ill./Boylan Catholic
14	Aiyana Whitney	RS-Sr.	OH	6-3	Norwood, N.J./Northern Valley Regional

PRONUNCIATIONS

Aiyana	I-YAH-nuh	Broerman	Bro-er-man
Jelena	Yell-AYE-nuh	Muller	MULL-ler
Novaković	Nova-CO-vick	Thelen	Th-EE-len
Keeton	KEY-ton	Frantti	Fran-TEE
Holcomb	HOLE-comb	Bryanna	Bree-yah-nuh
Lara	Lar-uh	Weiskircher	Weis-KIR-Ch-er

2015 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

AROUND THE BIG TEN

2015 PRESEASON BIG TEN POLL

1. PENN STATE

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

2015 BIG TEN STANDINGS

Team	Overall		Big Ten	
	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.
Michigan	9-0	1.000	0-0	.000
PENN STATE	8-0	1.000	0-0	.000
Maryland	10-1	.909	0-0	.000
Ohio State	8-1	.889	0-0	.000
Illinois	7-1	.875	0-0	.000
Nebraska	7-1	.875	0-0	.000
Wisconsin	6-1	.857	0-0	.000
Indiana	7-2	.778	0-0	.000
Purdue	6-2	.750	0-0	.000
Minnesota	5-2	.714	0-0	.000
Iowa	6-3	.667	0-0	.000
Michigan State	6-3	.667	0-0	.000
Northwestern	6-3	.667	0-0	.000
Rutgers	2-7	.222	0-0	.000

ALL-TIME RECORDS vs. 2015 OPPONENTS

NON-CONFERENCE

Team	W-L	Last
Buffalo	4-0	PSU, 3-0 (8/28/15)
Stony Brook	1-0	PSU, 3-0 (8/29/15)
Villanova	15-0	PSU, 3-0 (8/29/15)
Colorado	6-1	PSU, 3-0 (9/4/15)
Stanford	10-8	PSU, 3-0 (9/5/15)
Eastern Kentucky	7-1	PSU, 3-0 (9/11/15)
Mississippi State	1-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/12/15)
Notre Dame	9-1	PSU, 3-0 (9/12/15)
Auburn	0-0	First Meeting
St. John's	2-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/7/96)
South Florida	2-0	PSU, 2-0 (9/8/88)

BIG TEN

Team	W-L	Last
Wisconsin	45-7	PSU, 3-1 (12/31/14)
Minnesota	44-8	PSU, 3-0 (11/15/14)
Nebraska	10-14	PSU, 3-0 (11/29/14)
Iowa	47-0	PSU, 3-0 (11/12/14)
Northwestern	48-8	PSU, 3-0 (11/26/14)
Illinois	41-10	ILL, 3-1 (10/11/14)
Purdue	51-6	PSU, 3-2 (10/17/14)
Indiana	48-1	PSU, 3-0 (10/18/14)
Michigan	46-3	PSU, 3-0 (11/19/14)
Michigan St.	40-7	PSU, 3-0 (10/25/14)
Ohio St.	44-14	PSU, 3-0 (11/27/14)
Rutgers	26-9	PSU, 3-0 (11/7/14)
Maryland	20-5	PSU, 3-0 (11/22/14)

WEEK 4: AVCA TOP 25 COACHES' POLL UPDATE

Penn State remained atop the AVCA Top 25 Coaches' Poll for the fourth consecutive week. Penn State earned all 64 first place votes, as a unanimous No. 1 selection this week. Including PSU, this week's poll features more than half of the Big Ten conference teams with a season-high eight teams in the top 25. An additional two teams are also receiving votes.

NITTANY LIONS ON THE GOLDEN DOME INVITE ALL-TOURNEY TEAM

Senior Megan Courtney highlighted a Nittany Lion trio that earned Golden Dome Invitational All-Tournament team honors. Courtney was tabbed the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, while redshirt freshman Bryanna Weiskircher and sophomore Ali Frantti each earned All-Tournament team honors.

Courtney closed out the weekend with her third double-double of the season at Notre Dame. She finished tied for second on the team with 14 kills, adding 15 digs and four total blocks against the Fighting Irish. Frantti had back-to-back double figure kill performances in the same day, leading the offense with 11 kills against Mississippi State before tying for first on the squad with 14 kills against Notre Dame. Weiskircher paced the team to a .355 team hitting percentage during the week, including a .361 hitting clip against Eastern Kentucky. Against Mississippi State, she logged a career-high five total blocks.

KENDALL'S GOT CLASS

Senior Kendall Pierce has been selected as a candidate for the 2015 Senior CLASS Award. Pierce is one of 30 women's volleyball student-athletes to be named a candidate, along with one other from the Big Ten conference. The Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities. A health policy and administration major, she was honored as a 2014-15 Big Ten Distinguished scholar. Pierce also earned back-to-back Academic All-Big Ten selections from 2013-14. [Academic and community service info on pg. 12]

WASHINGTON NAMED CO-BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK

After helping top-ranked Penn State women's volleyball to a pair of wins against nationally ranked opponents, sophomore Haleigh Washington earned Big Ten Co-Player of the Week honors. Washington shares the honor with Ohio State's Taylor Sandbothe.

The award marks the second career Big Ten Player of the Week nod for Washington, as well as her fourth career total Big Ten Weekly honor. She earned a pair of Big Ten Freshman of the Week accolades in 2014. Washington led the team with 3.33 kills per set on .515 hitting in a 2-0 week that featured straight set wins against No. 21 Colorado and No. 2 Stanford. Defensively, Washington finished second on the team with 1.17 blocks per set this week, including back-to-back multi-block performances.

BIG TEN/PAC-12 CHALLENGE ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

With a pair of multi-block performances and a team-high hitting clip against No. 2 Stanford, sophomore Haleigh Washington earned Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament team honors. Washington led the team eight kills on .500 hitting against No. 21 Colorado before logging 12 kills on .526 efficiency against the Cardinal. Redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney and senior Megan Courtney joined her on the All-Tournament team. Whitney had four blocks against the Buffaloes before finishing tied for first on the team with 13 kills on .440 hitting against Stanford. Courtney had a team-high 12 digs against No. 21 Colorado before registering a double-double against Stanford with 11 kills and 13 digs.

WHITNEY JOINS BIG TEN FOREIGN TOUR

Redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney joined the inaugural Big Ten Women's Volleyball Foreign Tour this summer. For the first time in conference history, Big Ten volleyball student-athletes from all 14 schools traveled overseas to both compete, and participate in community services initiatives. Whitney and the Big Ten Volleyball Foreign Tour Team traveled to Slovenia, Croatia and Italy this summer, opening the trip in Maribor, Slovenia. Northwestern's Keylor Chan served as the team's head coach.

YEAR 37: ATOP THE NCAA ALL-TIME WINS LIST

With an all-time record of 1,169-180, few have come close to matching head coach Russ Rose's impressive win total. Following a 4-0 weekend in the 2014 Penn State Alumni Classic, Penn State head coach Russ Rose moved into first place on the active DI NCAA career wins list with 1,136 victories, ahead of Hawaii head coach Dave Shoji. The two went back and forth throughout the season, but Penn State's run to its seventh NCAA national championship in 2014 vaulted Rose 11 wins ahead of Shoji, placing him firmly atop the active division I career standings at the conclusion of the season with 1,161 wins.

Prior to topping the list of DI winningest active coaches by victories, his .866 career winning clip has ranked first on the percentage chart for the last several years. Now at the top of both lists, he's one of just two active NCAA DI coaches to amass more than 1,100 career wins and one of four active coaches across all three divisions to join the 1,000 victories club. On the list of winningest coaches of all time, Rose's tally is unmatched at first place.

2015 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

AVCA TOP 25 COACHES' POLL

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NO.	SCHOOL	PTS.	REC.	LW
1	PENN STATE (64)	1600	8-0	1
2	Texas	1478	7-1	4
3	USC	1439	10-0	6
4	Nebraska	1379	8-1	5
5	Florida	1358	6-1	2
6	Illinois	1267	7-1	7
7	Washington	1206	8-0	8
8	Stanford	1142	4-2	3
9	BYU	1081	8-1	9
10	Arizona State	1035	8-0	10
11	Wisconsin	933	6-1	11
12	Hawai'i	872	8-1	16
13	Ohio State	836	8-1	15
14	UCLA	741	7-1	17
15	Colorado State	675	6-2	14
16	Arizona	660	8-1	13
17	Kansas	524	9-0	22
18	Florida State	476	6-3	19
19	Oregon	452	6-3	12
20	Michigan	412	9-0	24
21	San Diego	263	6-3	18
22	Purdue	223	6-2	20
23	Minnesota	147	5-2	NR
T-24	Kentucky	74	5-5	21
T-24	Pacific	74	8-1	NR

RECEIVING VOTES: Kansas State 63; North Carolina 55; Western Kentucky 45; Wyoming 41; SMU 33; Long Beach State 28; Iowa State 26; Miami (FL) 26; Colorado 22; Duke 22; Iowa 21; Michigan State 19; Wichita State 12; Marquette 9; Louisville 7; Ohio 6; Texas A&M 5

*2015 opponents in italics

PENN STATE PRESENCE IN THE COACHES' POLL

Aug. 12: #1

Aug. 31: #1

Sept. 7: #1

Sept. 14: #1

2015 HONORS & ACCOLADES

ALI FRANTTI

- Preseason All-Big Ten
- Penn State Classic All-Tournament Team
- Golden Dome Invitational All-Tournament Team

MEGAN COURTNEY

- Preseason All-Big Ten
- Penn State Classic Most Outstanding Player
- B1G/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament Team
- Golden Dome Invitational Most Outstanding Player

HALEIGH WASHINGTON

- Unanimous Preseason All-Big Ten
- Penn State Classic All-Tournament Team
- B1G/Pac-12 Challenge Most Outstanding Player
- Big Ten Co-Player of the Week (9/7)

AIYANA WHITNEY

- Preseason All-Big Ten
- Penn State Classic All-Tournament Team
- B1G/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament Team

BRYANNA WEISKIRCHER

- Golden Dome Invitational All-Tournament Team

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 six times between the Big Ten Network and ESPNU. All other matches will be streamed live on GoPSUsports.com or on BTN Plus.

PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL REMAINING TV MATCHES

Date	Opponent	Network
Sept. 23	vs. Wisconsin	BTN - live
Oct. 2	vs. Nebraska	BTN - live
Oct. 9	at Illinois	BTN - live
Oct. 21	at Michigan	BTN - live
Oct. 30	at Ohio State	ESPNU - live

Penn State will also live stream every home match on BTN Plus. Each participating Big Ten school will also air the PSU remaining conference road matches available via BTN Plus.

PENN STATE ANNOUNCES LIVE AUDIO IN 2015

Beginning in 2015, Penn State fans worldwide will be able to tune into a live audio broadcast. The audio broadcast will be available exclusively on GoPSUsports.com and offered to all fans free of charge. This weekend's matches will feature current Penn State's Jack Milewski on play-by-play, joined by PSU junior defensive specialist Laura Broerman.

THREE EARN PENN STATE CLASSIC ALL-TOURNAMENT HONORS

Following back-to-back double-digit kill performances in the same day, senior Megan Courtney earned Penn State Classic Most Outstanding Player honors. Redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney and sophomore Ali Frantti each earned spots on the All-Tournament team.

Courtney led the team with 11 kills on .647 hitting against Stony Brook before returning later in the evening to lead the team with a double-double (16 kills, 13 digs) against Villanova. Whitney finished the week ranked second on the team with 3.44 kills per set, having posted 11 kills on .400 hitting vs. Buffalo and 14 kills on 429 hitting against Villanova. Frantti was third on the team with 2.44 kills per set last week and third with 2.33 digs per set. She had 10 kills against Stony Brook and a career-high 12 digs against Villanova.

PENN STATE TOPS AVCA PRESEASON POLL RANKINGS

Penn State women's volleyball earned the No. 1 overall ranking in the 2015 AVCA Preseason Coaches' Poll for the second consecutive season. Penn State is among six Big Ten schools to be ranked within the AVCA Top 25 and one of four conference programs to be voted within the top 10. Penn State received 54 of a possible 64 votes in the preseason poll.

Tied at No. 5, Nebraska and Wisconsin join the Nittany Lions in the top five, while Illinois rounds out the top 10 at No. 8. Ohio State is slated No. 14 and Michigan State is slotted No. 19. Purdue, Minnesota and Michigan also represent the league in the poll, as all three are receiving votes. Since 2007, Penn State has been ranked within the top three of every AVCA preseason poll, having also been voted No. 1 a total of six times (2008-11, 2014-15).

PENN STATE IN SEASON-OPENERS

Penn State improved to 32-7-1 all-time in season-openers after sweeping Buffalo in the first match of the 2015 season. The win against the Bulls marks the Nittany Lions' fourth consecutive season-opening victory.

ROOKIE SUCCESS

Four Nittany Lions made their collegiate debuts for Penn State in the opening weekend including, Bryanna Weiskircher, Keeton Holcomb, Wilma Rivera and Nia Reed. Weiskircher and Rivera each made their debuts at the setting position, while Holcomb earned a pair of starting libero spots against Stony Brook and Villanova. Reed made an appearance against Stony Brook.

NITTANY LION ALUM AT THE 2015 ESPY AWARDS

Penn State alum Micha Hancock was nominated for an ESPN ESPY for the second consecutive season. Nominated for Best Female Collegiate Athlete, her nomination marked the fourth time a PSU women's volleyball student-athlete was 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. Hancock is the first in program history to receive back-to-back nominations.

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. Presently, The Lions are on a 28-match winning streak, which dates back to Oct. 17, 2015 when PSU started the streak with a 3-2 win at Purdue.

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CAREER COUNTDOWN!

KILLS

MILESTONE	NAME	# TO GO
200 kills	Simone Lee	59
300 kills	Haleigh Washington	30
600 kills	Aiyana Whitney	42
	Ali Frantti	135
1,000 kills	Megan Courtney	77

BLOCKS

MILESTONE	NAME	# TO GO
200 blocks	Aiyana Whitney	64
	Haleigh Washington	82
400 blocks	Megan Courtney	95

DIGS

MILESTONE	NAME	# TO GO
100 digs	Aiyana Whitney	27
	Keeton Holcomb	14
	Kendall Pierce	10
300 digs	Ali Frantti	98
1,000 digs	Megan Courtney	86

CAREER RECORD BOOK WATCH

KILLS PER SET

#	RECORD	NAME
10.	3.37	Laura Cook, 1991-94
11.	3.33	Ashley Pederson, 2001-04
12.	3.31	Leanne Kling, 1989-92
13.	3.30	Deja McClendon, 2010-13
14.	3.18	Ali Frantti, 2014-Pres.
15.	3.08	JoAnn Elwell, 1987-90
16.	2.97	Marcia Leap, 1982-85
17.	2.96	Noelle Zientara, 1987-90

HITTING PERCENTAGE

#	RECORD	NAME
11.	.350	Blair Brown, 2007-10
12.	.340	Cassy Salyer, 2003-06
13.	.336	Alisha Glass, 2006-09
14.	.326	Nicole Fawcett, 2005-08
15.	.325	Noelle Zientara, 1987-90
16.	.324	Elizabeth Ramirez, 1986-89
17.	.321	Leanne Kling, 1989-92
18.	.319	Megan Hodge, 2006-09
19.	.306	Aiyana Whitney, 2011-Pres.

BEST ON THE BLOCK

Penn State's commanded the advantage in the blocking margin against its opponents this year. To date, Penn State has out-blocked its opponents 83.0 - 30.0, averaging 3.46 blocks per set, which ranks first nationally and leads the conference. Individually, sophomore Haleigh Washington's 1.58 blocks per set ranks eighth nationally and also leads the Big Ten. Sophomore Heidi Thelen's 1.38 blocks per set ranks within the top 35 nationally, at No. 34, while also coming in at fourth in the league.

TOUGH DEFENSE

Penn State has limited its opponents to .086 hitting this season, which ranks first in the Big Ten standings and second nationally. PSU has held five of its eight opponents to .097 or lower hitting efficiency. The Nittany Lions have limited two squads to hitting clips between .210-.267. Only one team (Stanford/.267 has posted a .250 or better hitting percentage. This past weekend, Penn State held back-to-back teams to negative team hitting clips. Eastern Kentucky hit -.012, while Mississippi State hit -.010.

BUST OUT THE BROOMS

Penn State has earned all eight of its victories this season by way of a 3-0 sweep. The Nittany Lions have now won their last 29 consecutive individual sets, since dropping the second set of the 2014 NCAA national final match to top-ranked Stanford. Last week, Penn State limed Eastern Kentucky and Mississippi State to less than 45 total points in a single match, as the Colonels totaled 41 and the Bulldogs had just 42.

AN ARRAY OF OFFENSIVE OPTIONS

Redshirt freshman setter Bryanna Weiskircher has directed the Nittany Lions to a .310 hitting percentage, which ranks sixth nationally and second in the Big Ten. Weiskircher has also paced a trio of her top attackers to .307 or better hitting, led by sophomore Haleigh Washington's .477 hitting clip, which is slotted eighth nationally and first in the conference. Senior Megan Courtney's .318 hitting percentage is second on the team, while redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney's .307 clip is third.

HOLCOMB HAS CAREER-HIGH WEEKEND

Freshman libero Keeton Holcomb had a career-high weekend at the Golden Dome Invitational. Holcomb averaged 5.33 digs per set during the weekend that featured three consecutive 3-0 wins. She highlighted the weekend with back-to-back 20-dig performances in the same day against both Mississippi State and Notre Dame. On the year, Holcomb's leading the team with 3.74 digs per set, which ranks 11th in the Big Ten standings.

RECORD BOOK WATCH: MILESTONE FOR MEGAN

Penn State senior Megan Courtney is nearing the 1,000 career kills/1,000 career digs plateau. With 923 career kills and 914 kills, she needs just 77 more kills and 86 more digs to reach the mark. Courtney would join an elite group, as just the eighth Nittany Lion in program to reach the milestone and the first since Deja McClendon in 2013.

NITTANY LIONS NAMED BIG TEN PRESEASON FAVORITE

Penn State earned the No. 1 ranking in the 2015 Big Ten Preseason Coaches' Poll, marking the 10th time in the last 11 years the Nittany Lions have been picked to win the league. The Big Ten Preseason poll is selected by votes from all 14 conference head coaches.

PRESEASON ALL-BIG TEN NITTANY LIONS

Penn State is well represented on the Big Ten Preseason All-Big Ten team, with more selections than any other conference program this year. 2015 Big Ten Freshman of the Year Haleigh Washington highlights Penn State's four preseason All-Big Ten honorees as a unanimous selection. Redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney, senior Megan Courtney and sophomore Ali Frantti round out the group of honorees.

A WINNING TRADITION AT HOME

Including a 5-0 mark in 2015, Penn State owns a 569-31 (.948) all-time record at home in Rec Hall. With the Big Ten home-opener just a week away, Penn State enters the matchup with a 258-17 all-time record in conference matches on the court at Rec Hall. Only Ohio State has defeated the Nittany Lions on their home court more than three times, having topped PSU five times.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Penn State returns home next week to open the Big Ten conference slate in Rec Hall. The Nittany Lions welcome Wisconsin for a midweek matchup Wednesday, Sept. 23, before closing out the weekend with Minnesota Saturday, Sept. 26. Penn State's match against the Badgers will broadcast live on BTN with Mike Wolf and Liz Tortorello-Nelson on the call.

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SCOUTING THE OPPONENTS

PENN STATE VS. AUBURN

Series: First Meeting

Last Five

Date	Site	Result
First Meeting		

By the Numbers

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

Tale of the Tape

PSU	Stat	Auburn
8-0	2015 Record	7-2
13.08	K/S	13.72
.310	Hitting %	.213
13.83	D/S	14.58
3.46	B/S	1.83

PENN STATE VS. ST. JOHN'S

Series: Penn State leads, 2-0

Last Three

Date	Site	Result
9/19/7/2007	H	PSU, 3-0
9/18/2010	H	PSU, 3-0

By the Numbers

at PSU	Penn State leads, 2-0
at St. John's	N/A
at neutral sites	N/A
Current streak	PSU, W2

Tale of the Tape

PSU	Stat	St. John's
8-0	2015 Record	8-3
13.08	K/S	12.80
.310	Hitting %	.263
13.83	D/S	12.50
3.46	B/S	2.54

PENN STATE VS. SOUTH FLORIDA

Series: Penn State leads, 2-0

Last Three

Date	Site	Result
11/6/1986	A	PSU, 3-0
9/8/1988	A	PSU, 3-0

By the Numbers

at PSU	N/A
at South Florida	Penn State leads, 2-0
at neutral sites	N/A
Current streak	PSU, W2

Tale of the Tape

PSU	Stat	South Florida
8-0	2015 Record	2-7
13.08	K/S	13.76
.310	Hitting %	.221
13.83	D/S	16.66
3.46	B/S	2.19

NITTANY LIONS MONTH - BY-MONTH

Penn State is 43-5 (.896) all-time during the month of August, after notching a trio of victories against Buffalo, Stony Brook and Villanova in the first week of 2015.

Penn State is 374-57-4 (.866) all-time during the month of September. The Lions are 199-18 (.915) during September dating back to the 1995 season and 57-9 (.852) within the last six years.

PSU is 394-69 (.851) all-time during the month of October. Penn State has posted a 93-13 (.877) mark in October across the last 10 seasons, and a record of 58-5 (.921) in the last five years, without losing a match during the month from 2007 to 2010.

Penn State is 294-57 (.838) all-time during the month of November, including a 97-8 (.924) 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 53-3 (.946) mark in November.

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 811 total matches, winning 750. Across the last seven years, Penn State has earned 187 of its 236 victories in three sets (79%), including 37-of-38 (98%) in 2008 and 32-of-38 in 2009 (84%).

In the last 15 years, the Lions have only lost 61 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 three times. The Lions have compiled a 293-61 mark in the last 15 years versus these teams.

vs. Michigan	29-2	vs. Stanford	7-6
vs. Northwestern	30-2	vs. MSU	27-3
vs. Wisconsin	26-6	vs. Ohio State	27-5
vs. Florida	4-3	vs. UCLA	5-3
vs. Nebraska	6-5	vs. Minnesota	27-6
vs. LBSU	0-1	vs. USC	2-1
vs. Illinois	26-6	vs. Temple	2-1
vs. BYU	4-1	vs. Tennessee	0-1
vs. Purdue	32-1	vs. Indiana	31-1
vs. Washington	0-1	vs. Texas	9-2
		vs. Oregon	0-2
		vs. Oregon State	0-1

PENN STATE BY THE NUMBERS

6	Number of NCAA national championships PSU has won in the last eight years
7	Number of NCAA national championships (1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014) » Penn State's seven titles are the most of any women's volleyball program 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 11 years
21	Number of all-time conference player of the year selections
34	Number of NCAA Tournaments PSU has participated in, one of two to play in all 34
38	Number of consecutive 20-win seasons
39	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
80	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
165	Number of Academic All-Big Ten honorees in 24 years
1,161	Number of wins by head coach Russ Rose prior to entering his 37th season » Rose ranks first on the NCAA DI all-time list
1,212	Number of wins in Penn State 39 years of Penn State women's volleyball history



RUSS ROSE AT A GLANCE ...

It's been nearly four decades since Russ Rose arrived on campus. Entering his 37th season, the AVCA Hall of Fame head coaches' record-setting seven NCCA national titles and 16 Big Ten championships speak directly to the confidence and character he's passed along throughout his career.

As each year passes, his list of accomplishments continue to swell, but a quick snapshot of his legendary tenure might read something like this: The leader of a women's volleyball powerhouse who's kept his program among the nation's elite for nearly 40 years, guiding his teams to a record-setting seven NCAA national titles, including an unprecedented four consecutive championships from 2007-10. Along with 16 Big Ten titles, his program is one of only two women's volleyball schools to compete in all 34 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball National Championship events. He's produced four AVCA National Players of the Year, 13 Big Ten conference Players of the Year and at least one AVCA All-American in 35 of 36 seasons. His student-athletes excel in the classroom as well, with an outstanding 156 Academic All-Big Ten selections and five Academic All-Americans.

DOUBLE-DOUBLE TRACKER

MEGAN COURTNEY (15 CAREER)

- vs. Villanova, 8/29/15 (16 kills, 13 digs)
- vs. Stanford, 9/5/15 (11 kills, 13 digs)
- vs. Notre Dame, 9/12/15 (14 kills, 15 digs)

WHO'S BACK

The Nittany Lions return plenty of potential when it comes to finding new ways to win. This year's senior group features experienced hitters in Megan Courtney and Aiyana Whitney as well as defensive specialists Kendall Pierce and Lara Caraway. From last year's top-ranked freshman recruiting class, All-American and DI National Freshman of the Year Ali Frantti and Big Ten Freshman of the Year Haleigh Washington highlight the large class that has already gained the taste of a national title.

Returning second team AVCA All-Americans Aiyana Whitney and Frantti are among an experienced group of top attackers. Courtney started all 39 matches for the Nittany Lions during the 2014 season, finishing third on the team with 2.44 kills per set and second on the squad with 2.34 digs per set. She highlighted the year with a clutch career-high performance in the NCAA national semifinals before going on to earn 2014 NCAA Championship MVP honors.

The Nittany Lions also return options at the middle position as well. Sophomore Haleigh Washington has emerged as one of the top returners in group. Washington burst on to the scene in September after an injury sidelined her for the opening portion of the season. In 25 appearances on the court, she finished first on the team with a .463 hitting percentage, while also tallying 96 blocks. With the ability to play multiple positions in the front row, redshirt senior All-American Aiyana Whitney could also be an option at the middle position this year, along with sophomore Heidi Thelen.

EXPERIENCED SENIOR CORE

Comprised of four, this year's senior class features Lara Caraway, Megan Courtney, Kendall Pierce and Aiyana Whitney. Playing all together at the same time, the four have a combined record of 103-8 in three years, as well as a 56-4 mark in Big Ten matches. Along with back-to-back Big Ten titles in 2012 and 2013, the veteran class also boasts back-to-back NCAA national titles from 2013-14. Having made it to the final four in the last three consecutive seasons, the four have an NCAA tournament record of 16-1.

SPOTS TO FILL

This year, the Nittany Lions enter the season with some sizable question marks, tasked with replacing a core group of senior leadership. First there's three-time All-American and 2014 AVCA DI National Player of the Year Micha Hancock, who set the Nittany Lions to both championship crowns in 2013-14, while also impressing from the end line with her clutch serve. Then there's three-year starting libero Dominique Gonzalez, and defensive specialist Lacey Fuller who commanded the backrow. Lastly, there's two-time All-American Nia Grant, who frequently led the nation in hitting efficiency in 2014.

Perhaps one of Penn State's top priorities this season will be at the setting position, replacing Hancock, who ended her career atop both the NCAA and Big Ten career aces lists. Departures from Dominique Gonzalez and Lacey Fuller present another top priority for the Nittany Lions heading into the 2015 season. Gonzalez closed out her collegiate career ranked fourth all-time in the Penn State record book with 1,474 digs.

WHO'S NEW

Penn State's 2015 freshman class features a little bit of everything, including setter Wilma Rivera (Carolina, Puerto Rico), defensive specialist Keeton Holcomb (Belville, Texas), middle blocker Tori Gorrell (Ontario, Canada) and right side Jelena Novaković (Belgrade, Serbia).

Tori Gorrell » Gorrell attended Abbey Park High School in Oakville, Ontario, helping Abbey Park to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association AAA volleyball championship. In addition to helping the team to an undefeated season, she also led the squad to Halton Tier I and Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference AA titles.

Keeton Holcomb » A four-year letterwinner and team MVP at Belville, she earned AAA First Team All-State honors in 2013-14, as well as Texas Sports Writers Association All-State honors in 2013. Holcomb is a MaxPreps Second Team All-American, having also been named to the 2014 Under Armour All-American watch list. Played club with Houston Juniors.

Jelena Novaković » Novaković helped Red Star to a National Cup title in 2014 and a silver medal at the 2014 Championship, while also earning MVP honors at the U17 Belgrade Tournament. She earned gold at the European Championship with the U19 Serbian Junior National Team in 2014, as well as another gold medal at the Balkan Championship in Subotica, Serbia.

Wilma Rivera » Rivera was a four-year team captain and senior MVP at Saint Francis School. She helped her high school squad to the 2014 Puerto Rico Lopa El Nuevo Dia Championships, while also earning LACC All-State Best Setter and MVP honors in the same year. Rivera also competed on the Puerto Rican Junior National Team.

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NCAA RPI TOP 30

Updated: Dec. 22, 2014 (Final)

NO.	SCHOOL	CONF.	REC.	RD.	NEU.	HOME
1	Stanford	Pac-12	33-2	12-1	4-1	17-0
2	Texas	Big 12	27-3	11-0	4-1	12-2
3	Florida St.	ACC	30-3	12-2	1-1	17-0
4	Washington	Pac-12	31-3	10-2	4-0	17-1
5	Wisconsin	Big Ten	31-3	12-1	5-1	14-1
6	PENN ST.	BIG TEN	36-3	10-2	8-0	18-1
7	UNC	ACC	29-3	10-2	3-1	16-0
8	Florida	SEC	28-4	11-1	2-1	15-2
9	BYU	W. Coast	30-5	12-2	6-2	12-1
10	Illinois	Big Ten	26-8	9-4	3-3	14-1
11	Nebraska	Big Ten	23-10	8-4	2-1	13-5
12	Oregon	Pac-12	23-10	6-6	2-1	15-3
13	Colorado St.	M. West	31-3	12-1	3-1	16-1
14	UCLA	Pac-12	22-12	6-6	7-2	9-4
15	Kansas	Big 12	22-9	6-4	4-1	12-4
16	Kentucky	SEC	27-6	9-2	2-0	16-4
17	Iowa St.	Big 12	19-10	5-7	3-0	11-3
18	Arizona	Pac-12	24-10	7-5	4-0	13-5
19	USC	Pac-12	16-16	6-8	6-1	4-7
20	Ohio St.	Big Ten	23-12	7-7	5-3	11-2
21	Duke	ACC	22-8	8-5	1-1	13-2
22	Texas A&M	SEC	21-9	8-3	3-1	10-5
23	Oregon St.	Pac-12	21-13	6-7	8-1	7-5
24	Colorado	Pac-12	20-14	6-7	2-3	12-4
25	Illinois St.	Miz Valley	27-6	11-3	6-3	10-0
26	Oklahoma	Big 12	20-11	5-8	4-1	11-2
27	Miami (FL)	ACC	22-9	6-6	3-2	13-1
28	LBSU	Big West	27-5	9-2	3-2	15-1
29	UALR	Sun Belt	30-5	12-2	7-3	11-0
30	Kansas St.	Big 12	22-9	8-3	5-2	9-4

PENN STATE'S RECORD WHEN ...

Playing at home.....	5-0
Playing on the road	1-0
Playing at a neutral site	2-0
Current winning streak	W28
Big Ten matches.....	0-0
Non-conference matches	8-0
In three-set matches.....	8-0
In four-set matches	0-0
In five-set matches.....	0-0
When winning the first set.....	8-0
When losing the first set.....	0-0
Hitting .300 +	6-0
Hitting .200 -.299	2-0
When winning the second set.....	8-0
When losing the second set	0-0
Out-hitting a team	8-0
Out-hit by a team.....	0-0
Playing a ranked team	2-0
Playing an unranked team.....	6-0
On TV.....	1-0
In August.....	3-0
In September.....	5-0
In October	0-0
In November	0-0

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 eight or more aces	8 - Micha Hancock at Maryland (11/22/14)
Had 30 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)
Hit .800 or better (min. 12 kills)929 (13-0-14) A. Wilson vs. St. Francis (9/19/09)

THE LAST TIME PENN STATE ...

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

Won a match	at Notre Dame, 9/12/15 (25-17, 25-19, 25-16)
Lost a match.....	at Stanford, 9/5/14 (25-18, 23-25, 22-25, 25-16, 10-15)
Won at home	vs. Stanford, 9/5/15 (25-21, 25-22, 25-18)
Lost at home	vs. Oregon, 8/26/11 (25-16, 25-21, 25-20, 25-22)
Won 3-0 at home.....	vs. Stanford, 9/5/15 (25-21, 25-22, 25-18)
Lost 3-0 at home.....	vs. UC-Santa Barbara, 9/18/86 (1-15, 7-15, 13-15)
Won 3-0 on the road	at Notre Dame, 9/12/15 (25-17, 25-19, 25-16)
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	vs. Nebraska, 11/29/14 (25-21, 25-15, 25-16)
Lost a match.....	vs. Illinois, 10/11/14 (24-26, 25-16, 23-25, 22-25)
Won at home	vs. Nebraska, 11/29/14 (25-21, 25-15, 25-16)
Lost at home	vs. Illinois, 10/11/14 (24-26, 25-16, 23-25, 22-25)
Won 3-0 at home.....	vs. Nebraska, 11/29/14 (25-21, 25-15, 25-16)
Lost 3-0 at home.....	vs. Minnesota, 10/18/03 (26-30, 18-30, 21-30)
Won 3-0 on the road	at Northwestern, 11/26/14 (25-20, 25-23, 25-23)
Lost 3-0 on the road	at Illinois, 11/11/11 (21-25, 23-25, 26-28)

ALL MATCHES

Won a match	at Notre Dame, 9/12/15 (25-17, 25-19, 25-16)
Lost a match.....	vs. Illinois, 10/11/14 (24-26, 25-16, 23-25, 22-25)
Won at home	vs. Stanford, 9/5/15 (25-21, 25-22, 25-18)
Lost at home	vs. Illinois, 10/11/14 (24-26, 25-16, 23-25, 22-25)
Won 3-0 at home.....	vs. Stanford, 9/5/15 (25-21, 25-22, 25-18)
Lost 3-0 at home.....	vs. Minnesota, 10/18/03 (26-30, 18-30, 21-30)
Won 3-0 on the road	at Notre Dame, 9/12/15 (25-17, 25-19, 25-16)
Lost 3-0 on the road	at Illinois, 11/11/11 (21-25, 23-25, 26-28)

PACKING REC HALL ONCE AGAIN

Penn State was among the national leaders in attendance in 2014, ranking top 10 in the country with an average of 2,999 fans per match on the year along with other Big Ten schools, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois. (Figures provided by the NCAA.) Penn State boasted four matches with crowds larger than 4,500 in 2014, including two standing-room only matches with more than 5,300 fans in attendance.

	SCHOOL	TOTAL ATTEN.	AVG. ATTEN.	HOME DATES		SCHOOL	TOTAL ATTEN.	AVG. ATTEN.	HOME DATES
1	Nebraska	145,493	8,083	18	16	Kansas St.	30,759	2,366	13
2	Hawaii	120,776	6,357	19	17	Stanford	36,136	2,126	17
3	Wisconsin	73,999	4,933	15	18	Louisville	26,352	2,027	13
4	Washington	60,829	3,379	18	19	UNC	31,939	1,996	16
5	Minnesota	50,149	3,343	15	20	Ohio	23,783	1,982	12
6	Colorado St.	54,926	3,231	17	21	Missouri	26,505	1,893	14
7	UNI	40,537	3,118	13	22	Ohio St.	23,544	1,811	13
8	Wichita St.	27,706	3,078	9	23	Oregon	31,475	1,749	18
9	Illinois	45,410	3,027	15	24	BYU	20,649	1,588	13
10	PENN STATE	56,977	2,999	19	25	Maryland	15,387	1,539	10
11	Michigan St.	43,918	2,928	15	26	Kentucky	30,453	1,523	20
12	Texas	40,378	2,884	14	27	Arizona	27,266	1,515	18
13	Purdue	40,230	2,514	16	28	Arizona St.	22,373	1,398	16
14	Iowa St.	34,172	2,441	14	29	Iowa	13,752	1,375	10
15	Florida	40,833	2,402	17	30	Duke	19,943	1,330	15

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2015 PENN STATE SUPERLATIVES

THREE SETS.....	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Kills:	16 - Megan Courtney vs. Villanova (8/29)	51- vs. Stanford (9/5)
Attacks:	42 - Megan Courtney vs. Villanova (8/29)	121 - vs. Villanova (8/29)
Attack Percentage*:	647 - (11-0-17) - Megan Courtney vs. Stony Brook (8/29)398 (39-6-83) - vs. Stony Brook (8/29)
Assists:	41- Bryanna Weiskircher vs. Stanford (9/5).....	46 - vs. Stanford (9/5)
Aces:	3 - Haleigh Washington vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11)	7 - vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11)
Digs:	20, 2x last - Keeton Holcomb at Notre Dame (9/12)	55 - vs. Villanova (8/29)
Solo Blocks:	2, 3x last - Megan Courtney at Notre Dame (9/12)	5 - vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Block Assists:.....	8 - Heidi Thelen vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	25 - vs. Stony Brook (8/29)
Total Blocks:	9 - Heidi Thelen vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	13.5 - vs. Stony Brook (8/29)

*2014 FOUR SETS	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Kills:	23 - Megan Courtney vs. Stanford (12/18).....	67 - vs. Illinois (10/11)
Attacks:	56 - Megan Courtney vs. Stanford (12/18).....	165 - vs. Stanford (12/18)
Attack Percentage*:	571 (10-2-14) - Nia Grant vs. American (9/12)310 (67-18-158) - vs. Illinois (10/11)
Assists:.....	55 - Micha Hancock vs. Stanford (12/18)	61 - vs. Stanford (12/18)
Aces:.....	8 - Micha Hancock vs. American (9/12).....	14 - vs. American (9/12)
Digs:	26 - Dominique Gonzalez at Minnesota (9/27)	70 - vs. Stanford (12/18)
Solo Blocks:	2, 2x last - Megan Courtney vs. Illinois (10/11).....	4 - vs. Illinois (10/11)
Block Assists:.....	6, 3x last - Haleigh Washington vs. Stanford (12/18).....	25 - at Minnesota (9/27)
Total Blocks:	8 - Nia Grant at Minnesota (9/27).....	15.5 - at Minnesota (9/27)

*2014 FIVE SETS	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Kills:	22 - Ali Frantti at Stanford (9/5)	71 - at Stanford (9/5)
Attacks:	48 - Ali Frantti at Purdue (10/17)	173 - at Stanford (9/5)
Attack Percentage*:	429 (12-3-21) - Nia Grant at Purdue (10/17)243 (71-29-173) - at Stanford (9/5)
Assists:.....	58 - Micha Hancock at Purdue (10/17)	69 - at Stanford (9/5)
Aces:.....	6 - Micha Hancock at Purdue (10/17).....	11 - at Purdue (10/17)
Digs:	20 - Dominique Gonzalez at Stanford (9/5).....	73 - at Stanford (9/5)
Solo Blocks:	1 - Simone Lee & Ali Frantti at Stanford (9/5)	2 - at Stanford (9/5)
Block Assists:.....	8 - Haleigh Washington at Purdue (10/17)	23 - at Purdue (10/17)
Total Blocks:	8 - Haleigh Washington at Purdue (10/17)	14 - at Stanford (9/5)

2014 OPPONENT SUPERLATIVES

THREE SETS.....	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Kills:	16 - Hayley Hodson, Stanford (9/5)	47 - Villanova (8/29)
Attacks:	34 - Kathy Fletcher, Stony Brook (8/29).....	121 - Villanova (8/29)
Attack Percentage*:	482 (15-1-29) - Brittany Howard, Stanford (9/5).....	.267 (42-14-105) - Stanford (9/5)
Assists:.....	39 - Emma Pettit, Villanova (8/29).....	44 - Villanova (8/29)
Aces:.....	3 - Amber Hatchett, Buffalo (8/28)	4 - Stanford (9/12)
Digs:	18 - Michelle Adams, Villanova (8/29).....	58 - Villanova (8/29)
Solo Blocks:	2 - Ciera Koons, Eastern Kentucky (9/11)	2, 2x last - Eastern Kentucky (9/12)
Block Assists:.....	4 - Sam Fry, Notre Dame (9/12)	14 - Notre Dame (9/12)
Total Blocks:	4, 2x last - Sam Fry, Notre Dame (9/12)	7.0, 2x last - Notre Dame (9/12)

*2014 FOUR SETS	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Kills:	19 - Jocelynn Birks, Illinois (10/11).....	61 - Illinois (10/11)
Attacks:	45 - Sarah Wilhite, Minnesota (9/27).....	150 - Stanford (12/18)
Attack Percentage*:	472 (19-2-36) - Jocelynn Birks, Illinois (10/11).....	.315 (61-16-143) - Illinois (10/11)
Assists:.....	47, 2x last - Madi Bugg, Stanford (12/18)	58 - Illinois (10/11)
Aces:.....	3 - Brandi Donnelly, Illinois (10/11).....	4, 2x last - Illinois (10/11)
Digs:	20 - Annika Albrecht, Nebraska (10/3)	69 - Stanford (12/18)
Solo Blocks:	2 - Meghan Haggerty, Nebraska (10/3)	2 - Nebraska (10/3)
Block Assists:.....	9 - Haleigh Nelson, Wisconsin (12/13)	28 - Wisconsin (12/13)
Total Blocks:	9 - Haleigh Nelson, Wisconsin (12/13)	14.0 - Wisconsin (12/13)

*2014 FIVE SETS	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Kills:	23 - Annie Drews, Purdue (10/17).....	65 - Purdue (10/17)
Attacks:	66 - Annie Drews, Purdue (10/17).....	165 - Purdue (10/17)
Attack Percentage*:	385 (14-4-26) - Inky Ajanaku, Stanford (9/5)242 (65-25-165) - Purdue (10/17)
Assists:.....	53 - Val Nichol, Purdue (10/17)	61 - Purdue (10/17)
Aces:.....	1, 3x last - Ashley Evans & Annie Drews, Purdue (10/17)	2, 2x last - Purdue (10/17)
Digs:	19, 2x last - Amanda Neill, Purdue (10/17)	64 - Purdue (10/17)
Solo Blocks:	1 - Danielle Cuttino, Purdue (10/17)	1 - Purdue (10/17)
Block Assists:.....	7 - Danielle Cuttino, Purdue (10/17)	20, 2x last - Purdue (10/17)
Total Blocks:	8 - Danielle Cuttino, Purdue (10/17)	11.0 - Purdue (10/17)

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2015 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	SET SCORES	SITE	ATT.	RECORD	TIME
Aug. 28	Buffalo	W	3-0	25-18,25-12,25-16	University Park, Pa.	1-0	1:11	2252
Aug. 29	STONY BROOK	W	3-0	25-13,25-13,25-20	University Park, Pa.	2-0	1:08	3716
Aug. 29	VILLANOVA	W	3-0	25-20,25-23,25-21	University Park, Pa.	3-0	1:29	3716
Sept. 4	#21 COLORADO	W	3-0	25-19,25-21,25-18	University Park, Pa.	4-0	1:24	3148
Sept. 5	#2 STANFORD	W	3-0	25-21,25-22,25-18	University Park, Pa.	5-0	1:34	6055
Sept. 11	vs. Eastern Kentucky	W	3-0	25-14,25-13,25-14	South Bend, Ind.	6-0	1:07	946
Sept. 12	vs. Mississippi State	W	3-0	25-16,25-14,25-12	South Bend, Ind.	7-0	1:12	706
Sept. 12	at. Notre Dame	W	3-0	25-17,25-19,25-16	South Bend, Ind.	8-0	1:18	1540

TEAM MATCH-BY-MATCH STAT COMPARISON

OPPONENT	SETS	KILLS	ERRORS	TA	HIT%	ASSISTS	SA	SE	RE	DIGS	BS-BA	BE	TOT BLKS
BUFFALO	3	33/24	10/30	76/87	.303/-.069	32/23	4/3	9/7	3/4	32/31	3-18/0-6	0/1	12.0/3.0
STONY BROOK	3	39/31	6/24	83/92	.398/.076	37/30	4/3	5/7	3/4	35/32	1-25/0-4	0/1	13.5/2.0
VILLANOVA	3	47/44	12/18	121/124	.289/.210	43/44	4/3	5/5	3/4	55/58	1-16/0-8	3/1	9.0/4.0
COLORADO	3	29/35	13/29	93/109	.172/.055	26/31	5/3	7/11	3/5	33/42	3-20/0-6	2/3	13.0/3.0
STANFORD	3	51/42	14/14	113/105	.327/.267	46/37	4/1	4/5	1/4	45/42	2-10/2-10	7/2	7.0/7.0
Eastern Kentucky	3	34/22	8/23	72/86	.361/-.012	30/22	7/2	8/8	2/7	33/28	3-8/2-2	0/1	7.0/3.0
Mississippi State	3	36/26	8/27	85/101	.329/-.010	35/26	3/4	1/5	4/3	45/33	5-14/0-2	0/0	12.0/1.0
Notre Dame	3	45/27	13/17	100/103	.320/.097	43/25	3/3	9/6	3/3	54/40	3-13/0-14	2/2	9.5/7.0

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER MATCH-BY-MATCH LEADERS

DATE	OPP.	KILLS	ATTACKS	ACES	ASSISTS	DIGS	BLOCKS
Aug. 28	Buffalo	Whitney - 11	Courtney - 25	4 @ - 1	Weiskircher - 18	Holcomb - 18	Thelen - 7
Aug. 29	Stony Brook	Courtney - 11	Frantti - 24	4 @ - 1	Weiskircher - 30	Holcomb - 9	Thelen - 9
Aug. 29	Villanova	Courtney - 16	Courtney - 43	4 @ - 1	Weiskircher - 37	Courtney - 13	Washington - 6
Sept. 4	Colorado	Washington - 8	Frantti - 27	Weiskircher - 2	Weiskircher - 18	Courtney - 12	Thelen - 7
Sept. 5	Stanford	Frantti - 13	Frantti - 35	Courtney - 2	Weiskircher - 41	Courtney - 13	Whitney - 3
		Whitney - 13					Washington - 3
Sept. 11	E. Kentucky	Courtney - 9	Courtney - 16	Washington - 3	Weiskircher - 19	Holcomb - 8	Washington - 4
Sept. 12	Mississippi St.	Frantti - 11	Frantti - 26	Muller - 2	Weiskircher - 29	Holcomb - 20	Washington - 7
			Courtney - 26				
Sept. 12	Notre Dame	Frantti - 14	Courtney - 28	3 @ - 1	Weiskircher - 40	Holcomb - 20	Washington - 5
		Courtney - 14					

TOTALS (INCLUDING TIES)

Whitney - 2	Courtney - 5	Weiskircher - 1	Weiskircher - 8	Holcomb - 5	Thelen - 3
Courtney - 4	Frantti - 4	Courtney - 1		Courtney - 3	Washington - 5
Frantti - 3		Muller - 1			
Washington - 1		Washington - 1			



AIYANA WHITNEY

REDSHIRT SENIOR | OH
NORWOOD, N.J.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS » Opened the year with 11 kills on .400 hitting against Buffalo (8/28) ... Had 14 kills on .429 hitting vs. Villanova (8/29) ... Tied for team-high with 13 kills on .440 hitting against No. 2 Stanford (9/5).

2015 HONORS » Preseason All-Big Ten ... Penn State Classic All-Tournament ... B1G/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament Team.

2014 HIGHLIGHTS » Put down eight kills and three blocks in the season-opener against TCU (8/29) ... Tallied nine kills on nine perfect swings against the Tribe (8/30) ... Had seven kills on .583 hitting without any attack errors against UCLA (9/6) ... Put down double-digit kills in two matches at the Villanova Classic, highlighting the event with a season-high 13 kills and a career-high six blocks against Kansas (9/13) ... Served up a career-high two aces against DePaul (9/19) ... Led the team with 13 kills on 18 errorless swings against UIC (9/20) ... Tallied eight kills at No. 5 Wisconsin (9/24), while also matching a career-high mark with a team-high six blocks ... Notched double-digit kills (12) and six blocks at No. 17 Minnesota (9/27) ... Set a career-high mark with seven blocks against No. 24 Northwestern (10/8), adding a team-high 12 kills on .500 hitting ... Led the team with a season-high 15 kills against No. 15 Illinois (10/11) ... Led the team with 12 kills on .362 hitting against Michigan State (10/25) ... Posted a match-high 16 kills on .714 hitting against Iowa (11/12) ... Recorded 17 kills on .682 hitting against Minnesota (11/15) ... Had seven blocks at Maryland (11/22) ... Tallied 13 kills on .571 hitting in the NCAA regional semifinals against UCLA (12/13) ... Notched 16 kills against Wisconsin in the NCAA regional finals (12/13) ... Put down 10 kills in the NCAA national semifinals against Stanford (12/18) ... Tied for first on the team with 11 kills in the NCAA national finals against BYU (12/20).

2014 HONORS » AVCA Second Team All-America ... AVCA All-Northeast Region ... Louisville Regional All-Tournament ... All-Big Ten honorable mention ... Big Ten Player of the Week (11/17) ... Villanova Classic All-Tournament Team ... Penn State Alumni Classic MVP.

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 ... Majoring in broadcast journalism.

QUOTING COACH ROSE » "Aiyana had a great trip to Europe with the Big Ten Foreign Tour team this summer. As a player who can fill a couple of positions at both middle and outside, she has the potential to take over a match and our success will be linked to her performance."

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
14 vs. Villanova (8/29)	Kills	18 vs. Purdue (10/17/14)
28 vs. Villanova (8/29)	Attacks	44 at Purdue (10/17/14)
.440 (13-2-25) vs. Stanford (9/5)	Hitting Percentage	1.000 (9-0-9) vs. William & Mary (8/30/14)
1 vs. Mississippi State (9/12)	Assists	2 at Minnesota (9/27/14)
N/A	Aces	2 vs. DePaul (9/19/14)
2, 2x last vs. Mississippi State (9/12)	Digs	4 vs. UIC (9/20/14)
5 vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	Blocks	7 vs. Northwestern (10/8/14)

WHITNEY'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2011	24-65	113	1.74	51	320	.194	0	0.00	0	0.00	14	0.22	3	22	25	0.38
2012	Redshirt season.															
2013	32-21	42	1.31	12	95	.316	1	0.03	0	0.00	8	0.25	0	12	12	0.38
2014	126-39	372	2.95	109	745	.353	5	0.04	3	0.02	42	0.33	1	94	98	0.78
2015	24-8	69	2.88	22	153	.307	2	0.08	0	0.00	9	0.38	3	23	26	1.08
CAREER	92-247	596	2.41	194	1313	.306	8	0.03	3	0.01	73	0.30	10	151	136	0.65

2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	11	3	20	.400	0	0	1	3
Stony Brook	6	2	16	.250	0	0	1	5
Villanova	14	2	28	.429	0	0	1	2
Colorado	3	3	15	.000	0	0	0	4
Stanford	13	2	25	.440	0	0	1	3
Eastern Kentucky	8	2	15	.400	0	0	2	3
Mississippi State	5	2	13	.231	1	0	2	3
Notre Dame	9	6	21	.143	0	0	1	3

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MEGAN COURTNEY

SENIOR | OH
DAYTON, OHIO

2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	8	2	25	.240	0	1	4	4
Stony Brook	11	0	17	.647	0	1	9	4
Villanova	16	3	43	.302	2	1	13	4
Colorado	3	2	18	.056	2	1	12	3
Stanford	11	1	25	.400	1	2	13	1
Eastern Kentucky	4	2	16	.125	4	0	6	0
Mississippi State	9	2	26	.269	4	0	7	3
Notre Dame	14	1	28	.464	1	0	15	4

2015 HIGHLIGHTS » Posted a team-high 11 kills on .647 hitting with nine digs and four blocks against Stony Brook (8/29) ... Recorded a double-double with a match-high 16 kills and 13 digs against Villanova (8/29) ... Tallied her second double-double with 11 kills on .400 hitting and 13 digs against No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Led the team with 14 kills and 15 digs for a double-double at Notre Dame (9/12).

2015 HONORS » Preseason All-Big Ten ... Penn State Classic MVP ... B1G/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament team ... Golden Dome Invite MVP.

2014 HIGHLIGHTS » Finished third on the team with 2.44 kills per set ... Ranked second on the team in digs per set (2.34), having led the team in the category seven times ... Earned NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player honors ... Opened the season with double-digit (12) kills against TCU (8/29) ... Notched at least eight kills against Iona (8/30) and William & Mary (8/30) on .400 or better hitting ... Had 18 kills at No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Led the team with 14 kills at Villanova (9/12) ... Highlighted the Penn State Alumni Classic with 10 kills against East Carolina (9/20) ... Had 14 digs at No. 5 Wisconsin (9/24) ... Registered double-digit kills at No. 17 Minnesota (9/27) and at No. 8 Nebraska (10/3) ... Tallied a team-high 11 kills at Iowa (10/4) ... Led the team with 13 digs against No. 15 Illinois (10/11) ... Led the team with nine digs against Michigan (10/24) ... Put down 10 kills at Michigan (11/19), while also adding 10 digs for a double-double ... Had 11 kills in the NCAA second round match against Dayton (12/6) ... Picked up 13 digs in the NCAA regional finals against Wisconsin (12/13) ... Recorded a double-double with a career-high 23 kills and 16 digs in the NCAA national semifinals against Stanford (12/18), adding five blocks ... Totaled 11 kills, 14 digs and five blocks, including two solo stuffs in the NCAA national title match against BYU (12/20).

2014 HONORS » 2014 NCAA Championship Most Outstanding Player ... Penn State Classic All Tournament Team ... 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 ... Majoring in kinesiology.

QUOTING COACH ROSE » "Megan is coming off a season where she didn't receive recognition from the conference, yet she was the most outstanding player at the final four. She's been a terrific player for us since she came as a freshman. We haven't had that many players who have started all four years and she'll be starting her senior year as a person who can be added to that list. Her leadership will be critical to our success this season."

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
16 vs. Villanova (8/29)	Kills	23 vs. Stanford (12/18/14)
43 vs. Villanova (8/29)	Attacks	56 vs. Stanford (12/18/14)
.647 (11-0-17) vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	Hitting Percentage	.750 (15-0-20) vs. Indiana (10/3/13)
4, 2x last vs. Mississippi State (9/12)	Assists	7 vs. Wisconsin (9/24/14)
1, 3x last vs. Villanova (8/29)	Aces	2, 4x last at Iowa (10/4/14)
15 vs. Notre Dame (9/12)	Digs	22 vs. Minnesota (10/9/13)
4, 4x last vs. Notre Dame (9/12)	Blocks	8 at Michigan (10/20/12)

COURTNEY'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2012	120-36	240	2.00	88	632	.241	33	0.28	13	0.11	237	1.98	32	69	101	0.84
2013	120-35	297	2.47	96	740	.272	32	0.27	1	0.01	301	2.51	28	59	87	0.73
2014	127-39	310	2.44	85	794	.283	66	0.52	11	0.09	297	2.34	16	78	94	0.74
2015	24-8	76	3.17	13	198	.318	14	0.58	6	0.25	79	3.29	5	18	23	0.96
CAREER	391-118	923	2.36	282	2364	.271	145	0.37	31	0.08	914	2.34	81	224	305	0.78



LARA CARAWAY

SENIOR | DS
EVANS CITY, Pa.

2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Stony Brook	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0

2015 HIGHLIGHTS » Made appearances on the court against Buffalo and Stony Brook in the Penn State Classic ... Saw action on the court against Eastern Kentucky at the Golden Dome Invitational.

2014 HIGHLIGHTS » Saw action in 11 matches this season, making five appearances in Big Ten conference matches ... Played in all three matches during a 3-0 opening week, matching a career high mark with two digs against Iona (8/30) ... Tallied one ace against American (9/12) at the Villanova Classic ... Matched a season-high mark with two digs against Yale (9/13) ... Had one dig against Michigan (10/24) and one at Minnesota (11/15).

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.

QUOTING COACH ROSE » "Lara has not played a lot, but she has always played hard and she's been a good student-athlete. She has always placed Penn State volleyball as one of her priorities and her behavior exemplifies that."

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	N/A
N/A	Attacks	1 vs. Marquette (9/13/13)
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
N/A	Assists	1, 2x last at FGCU (9/14/13)
N/A	Aces	1, 5x, last vs. American (9/12/14)
N/A	Digs	2, 3x last vs. Albany (9/20/13)
N/A	Blocks	N/A

CARAWAY'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2012	24-16	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.04	3	0.12	5	0.21	0	0	0	0.00
2013	24-21	0	0.00	0	1	.000	1	0.04	1	0.04	6	0.25	0	0	0	0.00
2014	16-13	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.06	1	0.06	7	0.44	0	0	0	0.00
2015	3-3	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
CAREER	67-53	0	0.00	0	1	.000	3	0.04	5	0.07	18	0.27	0	0	0	0.00

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KENDALL PIERCE

SENIOR | DS
EDEN, N.Y.

2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	2	0	2	0
Stony Brook	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Villanova	0	0	0	.000	1	1	5	0
Colorado	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
Stanford	0	1	0	-.1000	0	0	1	0
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Mississippi State	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Notre Dame	0	0	1	.000	0	0	2	0

2015 HIGHLIGHTS » Had two digs in her first collegiate start at libero against Buffalo (8/28) ... Had one ace and five digs against Villanova (8/29) ... Recorded two digs against No. 21 Colorado (9/4) ... Highlighted the Golden Dome Invitational with two digs at Notre Dame (9/12).

2015 HONORS » Co-president of Athletes Take Action, an anti-bullying program for middle school students ... Senior CLASS Award Candidate.

2014 HIGHLIGHTS » Saw action in 37 of the team's 39 matches, totaling 47 digs and four aces ... Played in all three matches in a 3-0 opening weekend, highlighting the weekend with two digs against William & Mary (8/30) ... Had two digs against UCLA (9/6) ... Set a new season-high mark with three digs against Yale (9/13) ... Notched one kill and one ace at No. 16 Minnesota (9/27) ... Had two digs at No. 14 Purdue (10/17), at Indiana (10/18) and at Northwestern (11/26) ... Posted two aces and three digs in the NCAA second round match against Dayton (12/6) ... Logged three digs in the NCAA regional final match against Wisconsin (12/13) ... Had a career-high five digs in the NCAA national semifinal match against Stanford (12/18) ... Recorded two digs in the NCAA national title match against BYU (12/20).

2014 HONORS » 2014-15 Big Ten Distinguished Scholar ... Academic All-Big Ten. ... Student Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB) Treasurer.

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 sophomore on the team ... Majoring in health policy and administration with a minor in communication and sciences.

QUOTING COACH ROSE » "Kendall does a variety of things for us. She's one of our captains this year and I know she cares a lot about the program. She's improved each year, as far as what role she's capable of playing and contributed and

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	1 at Minnesota (9/27/14)
1 vs. Notre Dame (9/12)	Attacks	1, 3x last vs. Notre Dame (9/12/15)
N/A	Hitting Percentage	1.000 (1-0-1) at Minnesota (9/27/14)
2 vs. Buffalo (8/28)	Assists	1, 3x last at Purdue (10/17/14)
1 vs. Villanova (8/29)	Aces	1, 8x last vs. Villanova (8/29/15)
5 vs. Villanova (8/29)	Digs	5 vs. Villanova (8/29/15)
N/A	Blocks	N/A

PIERCE'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2012	29-18	0	0.00	0	0	.000	2	0.07	9	0.31	7	0.24	0	0	0	0.00
2013	83-34	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.01	7	0.08	21	0.25	0	0	0	0.00
2014	79-37	1	0.01	0	2	.500	2	0.03	4	0.05	47	0.59	0	0	0	0.00
2015	18-8	0	0.00	1	2	-.500	3	0.17	1	0.06	15	0.83	0	0	0	0.00
CAREER	209-97	1	0.00	1	4	.000	8	0.04	21	0.10	90	0.43	0	0	0	0.00



LAURA BROERMAN

JUNIOR | DS
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS » Will miss the 2015 season due to an injury.

2014 HIGHLIGHTS » Saw action on the court against TCU (8/29), Iona (8/30) and William & Mary (8/30), posting one dig against the Horned Frogs ... Played in three matches at the Villanova Classic, recording one dig against Yale (9/13) ... Had one

ace against DePaul (9/19) ... Played at No. 17 Minnesota (9/27) ... Posted an ace at No. 8 Nebraska (10/3) ... Saw action against No. 15 Illinois (10/11) and at No. 14 Purdue (10/17) ... Had one ace against Michigan (10/24) ... Played against Ohio State (10/28).

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).

QUOTING COACH ROSE » "Laura plays hard and fast and gives great energy to the team."

PERSONAL » Born Laura Lynn Broerman on January 18, 1995 ... Parents are Chuck and Vickie Broerman ... Has three 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.

BROERMAN'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2013	5-5	0	0	0	.000	0	1	2	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.40	0.00
2014	15-17	0	0	0	.000	0	2	3	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.18	0.00
CAREER	20-22	0	0	0	.000	0	3	5	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.23	0.00



TAYLOR KRAUSE

JUNIOR | DS
ALLENTOWN, Pa.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS » Had five digs and one ace against Stony Brook (8/29) ... Posted a career-high seven digs against Villanova (8/29) ... Posted four digs and one ace against No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Had an ace vs. ECU (9/11).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS » Had one dig against UCLA (9/6) ... Posted two digs at Villanova (9/12) ... Matched a season-high mark with two digs at No. 17 Minnesota (9/27) ... Recorded her first collegiate ace at No. 8 Nebraska (10/3) ... Played in the NCAA title match vs. BYU (2/20).

QUOTING COACH ROSE » "Taylor has a terrific volleyball IQ and has been making good plays in a limited role for a couple of years. She's tough and needs to make plays."

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.

2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Stony Brook	0	0	0	.000	1	1	5	0
Villanova	0	0	0	.000	0	1	7	0
Colorado	0	0	0	.000	0	1	2	0
Stanford	0	0	0	.000	1	1	4	0
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0
Mississippi State	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Notre Dame	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	1, vs. American (9/12/14)
N/A	Attacks	1 vs. American (9/12/14)
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
1 vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	Assists	1 vs. Stony Brook (8/29/15)
1, 4x last vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11)	Aces	1, 5x last vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11/15)
7 vs. Villanova (8/29)	Digs	7 vs. Villanova (8/29/15)

KRAUSE'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2013	10-10	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	0.50	0	0	0	0.00
2014	29-20	1	0.03	0	1	1.000	0	0.00	1	0.03	8	0.28	0	0	0	0.00
2015	17-8	0	0.00	0	0	.000	2	0.12	6	0.35	19	1.12	0	0	0	0.00
CAREER	56-38	1	0.02	0	1	1.000	2	0.04	7	0.12	32	0.57	0	0	0	0.00

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CARLEY MULLER

JUNIOR | DS
MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIF.

2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Stony Brook	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Colorado	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0
Mississippi State	0	0	0	.000	0	2	5	0
Notre Dame	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0

2015 HIGHLIGHTS » Made her 2015 debut against Stony Brook (8/29) ... Played against No. 21 Colorado (9/4) ... Had a career-high outing against Mississippi State (9/12), leading the team with two aces and logging five digs ... Posted three digs at Notre Dame (9/12).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS » A 2014-15 Big Ten Distinguished Scholar ... Saw action against Iona (8/30) and William & Mary (8/30) ... Played against American (9/12) and Yale (9/13) ... Tallied one dig against DePaul (9/19) ... Posted her first collegiate ace against East Carolina (9/20) ... Played at Iowa (10/4), vs. Northwestern (10/8), against No. 15 Illinois (10/11) and at Indiana (10/18) ... Played against Michigan (10/24) ... Made her NCAA tournament debut against Siena (12/5).

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) ... Made her NCAA Tournament debut against Siena (12/5).

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.

QUOTING COACH ROSE » "Carley has really improved and plays hard. She has not played as much to date, but I felt she had a really good spring."

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	N/A
N/A	Attacks	N/A
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
1 vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11)	Assists	1 vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11/15)
2 vs. Mississippi State (9/12)	Aces	2 vs. Mississippi State (9/12/15)
5 vs. Mississippi State (9/12)	Digs	5 vs. Mississippi State (9/12/15)

MULLER'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2013	7-7	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
2014	14-14	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	1	0.07	2	0.14	0	0	0	0.00
2015	8-5	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.12	2	0.25	8	1.00	0	0	0	0.00
CAREER	29-26	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.03	3	0.10	10	0.34	0	0	0	0.00



HEIDI THELEN

SOPHOMORE | MB
EDGEWOOD, KY.

2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	1	2	4	.250	0	0	1	7
Stony Brook	3	0	5	.600	0	0	0	9
Villanova	0	0	2	.000	1	0	2	4
Colorado	4	0	5	.800	0	0	0	7
Stanford	1	1	3	.000	0	0	1	3
Eastern Kentucky	1	1	5	.000	5	0	0	1
Mississippi State	0	1	3	-.333	0	0	1	1
Notre Dame	3	0	5	.600	0	0	1	2

2015 HIGHLIGHTS » Made her 2015 debut against Buffalo (8/28) with seven blocks ... Posted three kills and a career-high nine total blocks against Stony Brook (8/29) ... Recorded two digs and four blocks against Villanova (8/29) ... Had four kills on .800 hitting against No. 21 Colorado (9/4), adding seven blocks ... Recorded three kills and two blocks at Notre Dame (9/12).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS » Made her collegiate debut against Iona (8/30), tallying six kills on .364 hitting, adding three blocks ... Notched two kills and two blocks against William & Mary (8/30) ... Highlighted the Villanova Classic with one kill against American (9/12) ... Made her NCAA tournament debut with a solo stuff against Siena to clinch the match (12/5).

PERSONAL » Born Heidi Ellen Thelen on Sept. 5, 1996 ... Parents are Ashley and Jon ... Has two brothers, Jake and Nick and two sisters, Hannah and Grace ... Names "Grey's Anatomy" as favorite TV show, pizza as her favorite food, Angelina Jolie and Ryan Gosling as favorite actress and actor ... Majoring in behavioral health..

QUOTING COACH ROSE » "Heidi has made positive strides in her game. Hopefully this year she'll come out and be a little stronger at the middle blocking position."

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
3 vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	Kills	3 vs. Stony Brook (8/29/15)
5, 4x last vs. Notre Dame (9/12)	Attacks	5, 4x last vs. Notre Dame (9/12/15)
.800 (4-0-5) - vs. Colorado (9/4)	Hitting Percentage	.800 (4-0-5) - vs. Colorado (9/4/15)
5 vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11)	Assists	5 vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11/15)
N/A	Aces	N/A
2 vs. Villanova (8/29)	Digs	2 vs. Villanova (8/29/15)
9 vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	Blocks	9 vs. Stony Brook (8/29/15)

THELEN'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2014	9-6	10	1.11	2	22	.364	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.11	0	6	7	0.78
2015	24-8	13	0.54	5	32	.250	6	0.25	0	0.00	6	0.25	5	28	33	1.38
CAREER	33-14	23	0.70	7	54	.296	6	0.18	0	0.00	7	0.21	6	34	40	1.21

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ALI FRANTTI

SOPHOMORE | OH
SPRING GROVE, ILL.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS » Led the team with 10 kills against Stony Brook (8/29) ... Posted 12 digs against Villanova (8/29) ... Tied for first on the team with a season-high 13 kills against No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Led the team with 11 kills and six digs against Mississippi State (9/12) ... Tied for first on the team with 14 kills at Notre Dame (9/12).

2015 HONORS » Preseason All-Big Ten ... Penn State Classic All-Tournament Team ... Golden Dome Invitational All-Tournament Team.

2014 HIGHLIGHTS » Led the team with 3.20 kills per set on .310 hitting during her rookie season in the Blue and White ... Her 391 kills closed out the year ranked ninth in the Big Ten final standings ... Made her collegiate debut against TCU (8/29) with a team-high 13 kills on .500 hitting, while also leading the team in blocks (4) ... Posted her second consecutive double-digit kill performance against Iona (8/30) ... Recorded her first collegiate double-double at No. 2 Stanford with a match-high 22 kills and 11 digs ... Led the team with 14 kills on .619 hitting against UCLA (9/6) ... Highlighted the Villanova Classic with 12 kills against American (9/12) ... Recorded 11 kills on a season-high .647 hitting clip vs. Yale (9/13) ... Led the team with 10 kills against ECU (9/19) ... Ranked first on the team with a match-high 19 kills at No. 8 Nebraska (10/3) ... Posted 10 kills, six digs and a matched a season-high mark with two aces at Iowa (10/4) ... Ranked second on the team with 13 kills against No. 15 Illinois (10/11), adding a season-high three aces ... Posted double-digit kills at No. 14 Purdue (10/17), adding seven digs ... Led the team with 15 kills against Michigan (10/24) on .429 hitting ... Put down 17 kills on .536 hitting in the regular season finale against Nebraska (12/29) ... Made her NCAA Tournament debut with nine kills and four digs against Siena (12/5) ... Finished second on the team with 16 kills and two aces in the NCAA national semifinals against top-ranked Stanford (12/18) ... Posted six kills and six digs in the NCAA title match against BYU (12/20).

2014 HONORS » AVCA DI National Freshman of the Year ... Second Team AVCA All-America ... AVCA All-Northeast Region & Freshman of the Year ... All-Big Ten honorable mention ... All-Big Ten Freshman team (unanimous) ... Big Ten Freshman of the Week (9/1, 9/8, 10/27) ... Penn State Classic Most Outstanding Player ... Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament Team.

PERSONAL » Born Alexandra Annelise Frantti on March 3, 1996 in Highland Park, Ill. ... Parents are Kelly and Dan Frantti ... Has three brothers, Connor, Peyton and Chase ... Names "Cake Boss" as favorite TV show, "Miracle" as favorite movie, Emma Stone and Ryan Reynolds as favorite actress and actor.

QUOTING COACH ROSE » "Ali is coming off being recognized as the nation's Freshman of the Year. It's a great award, but so much of that is team generated and she'll need to elevate her game and ability to carry a heavier load to justify last year's selection. She is a terrific attacker and has a hitters mentality."

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
14 vs. Notre Dame (9/12)	Kills	22, at Stanford (9/5/14)
35 vs. Stanford (9/5)	Attacks	48, at Purdue (10/17/14)
.636 (7-0-11) vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11)	Hitting Percentage	.647 (11-0-17) - vs. Yale (9/13/14)
1, 3x last vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	Assists	3, vs. Eastern Illinois (9/19/14)
1 vs. Notre Dame (9/12)	Aces	3, vs. Illinois (10/11/14)
12 vs. Villanova (8/29)	Digs	12, vs Villanova (8/29/15)
2, 2x last vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	Blocks	5, at Ohio State (10/31/14)

FRANTTI'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2014	122-39	391	3.20	113	898	.310	21	0.17	28	0.23	159	1.30	10	48	58	0.48
2015	24-8	74	3.08	25	187	.262	3	0.12	1	0.04	43	1.79	1	6	7	0.29
CAREER	146-47	465	3.18	138	1085	.301	24	0.16	29	0.20	202	1.38	11	54	65	0.45

2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	3	3	13	.000	1	0	6	2
Stony Brook	10	1	24	.375	1	0	3	2
Villanova	9	2	24	.292	0	0	12	0
Colorado	7	7	27	.000	0	0	4	1
Stanford	13	6	35	.200	1	0	5	1
Eastern Kentucky	7	0	11	.636	0	0	3	1
Mississippi State	11	2	26	.346	0	0	6	0
Notre Dame	14	4	27	.370	0	1	4	0

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SIMONE LEE

SOPHOMORE | OH
MENOMONEE FALLS, WIS.

2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	1	0	1	1.00	0	0	0	0
Stony Brook	0	1	4	.250	0	0	0	0
Villanova	0	1	2	.500	0	0	0	0
Colorado	3	0	6	.500	0	0	0	1
Eastern Kentucky	2	1	5	.200	0	1	2	1
Mississippi State	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0

2015 HIGHLIGHTS » Made appearances on the court in all three Penn State Classic matches, posting one kill against Buffalo (8/28) ... Put down three kills on .500 hitting against No. 21 Colorado (9/4) ... Logged two kills, two digs and once against Eastern Kentucky (9/11).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS » Totaled 135 kills in her first season in the Blue and White ... Made 26 appearances on the court, including two starts ... Recorded double figure kills a total of five times during the year, while also leading the team in the category in three matches ... Tallied 25 total blocks on the year, including five solo stuffs ... Made her collegiate debut against TCU (8/29) with six kills ... Led the team with double digit kills (10) on .412 hitting against William & Mary (8/30), adding four digs and a solo stuff ... Finished third on the team with double digit kills (11) at No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Highlighted the Villanova Classic with nine kills against the Wildcats (9/12) ... Led the team with double digit kills (10) against Eastern Illinois (9/19) ... Ranked first on the team with 12 kills in the Big Ten opener at No. 5 Wisconsin (9/24) ... Came off the bench with four kills in the final set at Northwestern (11/26) ... Made her NCAA debut with six kills vs. Siena (12/6) ... Came off the bench with 12 kills in the NCAA regional finals vs. Wisconsin (12/13).

PERSONAL » Born Simone Alexandra Lee on Oct. 7, 1996 in Milwaukee, Wis. ... Parents are Karen and Arthur Lee ... Mother was a student-athletes at Drake ... Has one sister, who plays volleyball at Eastern Illinois Names "Modern Family" as her favorite TV show, pizza as her favorite food, Meryl Streep as favorite actress and reading and listening to music as hobbies ... Majoring in broadcast journalism.

QUOTING COACH ROSE » "This spring, I thought Simone was our most improved player. She really picked up her confidence and was at times one of our best attackers. Her blocking is exceptional and she plays physical at the net."

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
3 vs. Colorado (9/4)	Kills	12, 2x last vs. Wisconsin (12/13/14)
6 vs. Colorado (9/4)	Attacks	34 at Wisconsin (9/24/14)
.500 (3-0-6) - vs. Colorado (9/4)	Hitting Percentage	.583, (7-0-12) vs. UIC (9/20/14)
N/A	Assists	1 vs. Northwestern (10/8)
1 vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11)	Aces	1 vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11)
2 vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11)	Digs	4 vs. William & Mary (8/30/14)
1, 2x last vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11)	Blocks	3, 2x last vs. Eastern Illinois (9/19)

LEE'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2014	64-26	135	2.11	53	350	.234	1	0.02	0	0.00	28	0.44	5	20	25	0.39
2015	10-6	6	0.60	3	18	.167	0	0.00	1	0.10	2	0.20	0	2	2	0.20
CAREER	74-32	141	1.91	56	368	.231	1	0.01	1	0.01	30	0.41	5	22	27	0.36



LAINY PIERCE

SOPHOMORE | DS
EDEN, N.Y

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

2014 HIGHLIGHTS » Played in 30 of the team's 39 total matches during her first season in the Blue and White ... Totaled 11 service aces and 19 digs ... Made her collegiate debut in the season-opener against TCU (8/29) ... Played against both Iona (8/30) and William & Mary (8/30), recording her first collegiate ace against the Gaels and two digs against the Tribe ... Recorded one ace at No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Made her Big Ten debut against No. 15 Illinois (10/11) ... Had three digs against Iowa (11/12) ... Posted one ace against Minnesota (11/15) ... Set a career-high mark with two aces and one dig against Maryland (11/8) ... Matched a career-high with two aces against Nebraska (11/29) ... Saw action on the court in all six matches during the NCAA Tournament ... Made her NCAA Tournament debut vs. Siena (12/5) ... Recorded two digs in the NCAA second round match against Dayton (12/6) ... Totaled a career-high three digs in the NCAA national title match against BYU (12/20).

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 Penn State track & field team from 1984-89 ... Sister, Kendall is a senior on the Nittany Lion women's volleyball team ... Names "Modern Family" as favorite TV show, Sarah Hyland and Jonah Hill as favorite actors and pizza as favorite food ... Plans to major in public relations and minor in human development and family studies.

QUOTING COACH ROSE » "Lainy continues to do what I thought she was good at last year. She has a very good serve and she's not afraid to come into the game and take a good swing at the ball. Her defense continues to improve and we need her to play well."

PIERCE'S CAREER STATS

2014	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
	30-61	0	0	1	.000	4	11	19	0	0	0	0.00	0.07	0.18	0.31	0.00



HALEIGH WASHINGTON

SOPHOMORE | MB
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	7	0	10	.700	0	1	0	5
Stony Brook	7	1	9	.667	0	0	1	4
Villanova	6	3	16	.188	0	0	4	6
Colorado	8	0	16	.500	0	1	1	4
Stanford	12	2	19	.526	1	0	4	3
Eastern Kentucky	9	2	15	.467	0	3	2	4
Mississippi State	8	1	13	.538	0	1	1	7
Notre Dame	5	0	13	.385	0	1	2	5

2015 HIGHLIGHTS » Posted seven kills on .700 hitting with five blocks against Buffalo (8/29) ... Recorded seven kills and four blocks against Stony Brook (8/29) ... Logged six kills and six blocks against Villanova (8/29) ... Finished second on the team with 12 kills on .526 hitting against No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Led the team with nine kills against ECU (9/11) ... Posted a team-high seven blocks against Mississippi State (9/12).

2015 HONORS » Preseason All-Big Ten ... B1G/Pac-12 Challenge MVP ... Big Ten Player of the Week (9/7).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS » Made 25 appearances on the court in her rookie season ... Her .463 hitting clip finished first on the team, while her 2.63 kills per set ranked third ... Made her collegiate debut against Yale (9/12), posting six kills on .545 hitting ... Had five kills on eight errorless swings against DePaul (9/19) ... Hit .700 with seven kills on 10 swings against UIC (9/20) ... Finished second on the team with a season-high 14 kills on a squad-best .538 hitting clip against No. 15 Illinois (10/11), while also leading the team with seven blocks ... Recorded nine kills and eight blocks at No. 14 Purdue (10/17) ... Tallied 10 kills on .421 hitting against Michigan (10/24) ... Led the team with seven blocks, including three solo stuffs against No. 17 Ohio State (10/28) ... Set a career-high mark with nine total blocks at No. 17 Ohio State (10/31) ... Earned Big Ten Player of the Week honors for her performances against the Buckeyes ... Had back-to-back double-digit kill performances against Rutgers (11/7) and Maryland (11/8) ... Notched double digit kills against Iowa (11/12) ... Led the team with nine kills and six blocks in her NCAA Tournament debut v. Siena (12/5) ... Had 12 kills on .526 hitting with five blocks in the NCAA regional semifinals against UCLA (12/12) ... Put down 10 kills and five blocks in the NCAA regional finals against Wisconsin (12/13) ... Posted four blocks in the NCAA national finals against BYU (12/20).

2014 HONORS » Big Ten Freshman of the Year ... Louisville Regional All-Tournament ... Big Ten Player of the Week (11/3) ... Big Ten Freshman of the Week (11/10, 11/17) ... All-Big Ten ... Big Ten Freshman of the Year ... All-Big Ten Freshman team (unanimous).

PERSONAL » Born Haleigh Meridian Washington on Sept. 22, 1995 in Denver, Colo. ... Parents are Danielle and Alecs ... Has one brother, Kayden and one sister, Leilani ... Names "Orange is the New Black" as favorite TV show, the "Frashington Omelet" as favorite food, Robin Williams as favorite actor, "Eat Pray Love" as her favorite book and reading, drawing and writing as hobbies ... Plans to major in Philosophy.

QUOTING COACH ROSE » "Haleigh is an exceptional offensive talent. She has picked up her game both offensively and blocking-wise and I think both she and Ali [Frantti], benefited from their experience with the national team when they trained there last spring. Haleigh is very smart and has a natural personality that makes others willing to follow her."

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
12 vs. Stanford (9/5)	Kills	14 at Illinois (10/11/14)
16 vs. Villanova (8/29)	Attacks	26 vs. Illinois (10/11/14)
.700 (7-0-10) - vs. Villanova (8/29)	Hitting Percentage	.900 (9-0-10) - vs. Siena (12/5/14))
1 vs. Stanford (9/5)	Assists	3 vs. Eastern Illinois (9/19/14)
3 vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11)	Aces	3 vs. Eastern Kentucky (9/11/15)
4, 2x last vs. Stanford (9/5)	Digs	4, 2x last vs. Stanford (9/5/15)
7 vs. Mississippi State (9/12)	Blocks	9 at Ohio State (10/31/14)

WASHINGTON'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2014	80-27	208	2.60	37	369	.463	5	0.06	0	0.00	23	0.29	17	79	96	1.20
2015	24-8	62	2.58	9	111	.477	1	0.04	7	0.29	15	0.62	5	33	38	1.58
CAREER	104-35	270	2.60	46	480	.467	6	0.06	7	0.07	38	0.37	22	112	134	1.29

2015 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



NIA REED

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN | OH
FORT LEE, N.J.

2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Stony Brook	0	1	4	-.250	0	0	0	0
E. Kentucky	3	0	3	1.00	0	0	0	0

2015 HIGHLIGHTS » Made her collegiate debut against Stony Brook (8/29) ... Had a career-high three kills without any attack errors against Eastern Kentucky (9/11).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS » Redshirt season.

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 ... Names "Scandal" and "Game of Thrones" as favorite TV shows, Mexican as favorite food, Kerry Washington as favorite actress, and sleeping and interior decorating as favorite hobbies ... Majoring in Communications.

QUOTING COACH ROSE » "I think it will take some time for Nia to get her game ready to play again. But I would expect, as I thought when we elected to redshirt her, that there are going to be times when she makes a real contribution to the team with her front row play. She hits the ball high and she is an exceptional blocker. Always smiling and caring for the team are two of Nia's greatest contributions."

REED'S CAREER STATS

2015	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
	3-2	3	1.00	1	7	.286	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00



BRYANNA WEISKIRCHER

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN | S
ROCKFORD, ILL.

2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	2	0	3	.667	18	1	3	0
Stony Brook	2	0	4	.500	30	1	3	2
Villanova	2	1	6	.167	37	1	7	2
Colorado	1	1	6	.000	18	2	4	3
Stanford	1	1	5	.000	41	1	8	1
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	2	.000	19	2	9	1
Mississippi State	3	0	4	.750	29	0	2	5
Notre Dame	0	2	5	.600	40	1	6	2

2015 HIGHLIGHTS » Made her collegiate debut against Buffalo (8/28), dishing out 18 assists to go along with three digs ... Had 30 assists and three digs against Stony Brook (8/29) ... Logged her third match with at least one ace against Villanova (8/29), adding 37 assists ... Had four digs and three blocks against No. 21 Colorado ... Paced four of her top attackers to double figure kills in the win against No. 2 Stanford (9/5) with a career-high 41 assists and eight digs ... Paced the team to a .361 hitting percentage in the win against ECU (9/11), dishing out 19 assists to go along with a team-high nine digs .. Had three kills and a career-high five total blocks against Mississippi State (9/12).

2015 HONORS » Golden Dome Invitational All-Tournament Team.

2014 HIGHLIGHTS » Redshirt season.

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 Malia'okalani Weiskircher on May 25, 1996 in Rockford, Ill. ... Parents are Renita and Philip ... Has two brothers, Torey and Trevor and one sister, Natalie ... Names "Criminal Minds" as favorite TV show, steak as favorite food and hanging out with friends and family or watching the Blackhawks as hobbies ... Plans to major in Criminology.

QUOTING ROSE ROSE » "Bryanna made some good progress during the spring season. There's always a learning curve for new players and I would expect her to have some challenges, but she has been setting for a long time and isn't afraid to compete."

WEISKIRCHER'S CAREER STATS

2015	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
	24-8	11	0.46	5	35	.171	232	9.67	8	0.33	42	1.75	2	14	16	0.67

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TORI GORRELL

FRESHMAN | MB
OAKVILLE, ONTARIO

Personal

Born Victoria Leigh McGregor Gorrell on March 11, 1997 in Hamilton, Ontario (Canada) ... Parents are Suzanne and Miles Gorrell ... Has one older sister ... Majoring in parks, tourism and recreation management ... Names "Scooby Doo" as favorite TV show, "The Notebook" as favorite book ... "Titanic" as favorite movie ... Blake Lively as favorite actress ... Calgary styled beef as favorite food and paddle boarding as favorite hobby.

High School

Attended Abbey Park High School ... Helped Abbey Park win the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association AAA volleyball championship ... Led the team to an undefeated season as well as the Halton Tier I and Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference AAA titles ... Played club volleyball with Toronto's Leaside, where she earned Ontario Volleyball Association (OVA) U17 All-Star honors in 2013-14 and Preseason Humber Tournament All-Star honors in 2014.

Why Penn State?

"I chose Penn state because of it's amazing atmosphere. The people in the stands and the people you pass by on campus make this university unique. The coaching staff and supporting staff are the best a program could have. Not to mention the respected academic side of things that will give me an amazing education. Every time I step foot on campus a smile never leaves my face."



JELENA NOVAKOVIĆ

FRESHMAN | RS
BELGRADE, SERBIA

Personal

Born Jelena Novakovic on August 2, 1996 in Belgrade, Serbia ... Parents are Vesna and Vladimir Novakovic ... Father, Vladimir was a member of the Yugoslavian national handball team, earning silver at the World Cup in Stockholm and gold at the Mediterranean games in Greece in 1991 ... Has two brothers, Nikola and Marko ... Names "Friends" as favorite TV show, "Twilight" as favorite book, four cheese chicken as favorite food and watching movies and hanging out with friends as hobbies.

High School

Played club with Red Star Belgrade, helping the team to the National Cup in 2014 and a silver medal at the 2014 championship ... Named MVP of U17 International Belgrade Tournament ... Made back-to-back appearances in the European Champions League in 2013-14 with Red Star ... Earned gold medals at the European Championship with the U19 Serbian National team in 2014, as well as gold at the Balkan Championship in Subotica, Serbia.

Why Penn State?

"The decision to leave Europe and come to the United States was one of the biggest and most important decisions in my life. The main reason why I chose Penn State was because of the possibility to play volleyball at the highest level and get the best education. It is a program that will help me in my development as a person and player, making me better every day."



WILMA RIVERA

FRESHMAN | S
CAROLINA, PUERTO RICO

2015 HIGHLIGHTS » Made her collegiate debut against Buffalo ... Had four assists and one dig against No. 21 Colorado (9/4) ... Played against ECU (9/11).

Personal

Born Wilmarie Rivera Roldan on February 14, 1997 in San Juan, Puerto Rico ... Parents are Esmeralda and Wilmar Rivera ... Has two brothers, Wilmar and William ... Plans to major in biology or business.

High School

A four-year team captain and MVP at Saint Francis School ... Helped her team to the 2014 Puerto Rico Lopa El Nuevo Dia Championship ... Earned LACC All-State Best Setter and MVP honors in 2014 ... Also lettered in track and field and softball, helping her softball team to an LACC championship in 2014 ... Member of the Puerto Rican National Team ... Named Best Setter at Copa Pan Americana U18 in 2013, while also earning silver with her team ... Earned the bronze medal at the NORCECA U18 games in 2013.

Why Penn State?

"I chose Penn State because it is the best school and the best volleyball program. Penn State has an excellent academic program. It is a program that will help me in my development as a person and player, making me better every day."

2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	8	0	4	0
Stony Brook	0	0	0	.000	5	0	3	0
Colorado	0	0	0	.000	3	0	1	0
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0

RIVERA'S CAREER STATS

2015	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
	8-4	0	0.00	0	0	.000	17	2.12	0	0.00	8	1.00	0	0	0	0.00



KEETON HOLCOMB

FRESHMAN | DS
BELVILLE, TEXAS

2015 HIGHLIGHTS » Made her collegiate debut against Buffalo (8/29), posting a career-high 10 digs ... Earned two starts at the libero position against Stony Brook (8/29) and Villanova (8/29), recording nine digs against the Seawolves ... Logged seven digs against No. 21 Colorado (9/4) and eight digs against No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Recorded back-to-back 20-dig performances in the same day, with a team-high mark against Mississippi State (9/12) and Notre Dame (9/12).

Personal

Born Keeton Laurence Holcomb on March 4, 1997 in Bryan, Texas ... Parents are Stacy and Tom Holcomb ... Has two younger siblings, brother Harrison and sister, Jolie ... Names "The Office" as favorite TV show, "Looking for Alaska" as favorite book ... Reading and hiking as hobbies and her grandma's chicken and dumplings as her favorite food ... Undecided on a major.

High School

A four-year letterwinner and team MVP at Bellville High School in Bellville, Texas ... Team captain in 2014 ... Earned AAA First Team All-State honors in 2013-14, in addition to Texas Sports Writers Association and Texas Girls Coaching Association first team All-State awards in 2013 ... Named District Defensive MVP in 2011-12, while also earning first team All-District honors in 2014 ... A MaxPreps Second Team Volleyball All-American ... Named to 2014 Under Armour All-American Watch List ... Played club with Houston Juniors, earning 2012 All-Texas Team honorable mention honors ... Four-time Academic All-District and member of the National Honor Society.

Why Penn State?

"On top of the fact that Penn State's volleyball program is one of the best in the country, it has been a childhood dream of mine to attend and represent this University's jersey through volleyball. Also, I was drawn to the high academic reputation."

2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	3	0	10	0
Stony Brook	0	0	0	.000	0	1	9	0
Villanova	0	0	0	.000	2	1	4	0
Colorado	0	0	0	.000	1	0	7	0
Stanford	0	0	0	.000	1	0	8	0
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	.000	1	0	8	0
Mississippi State	0	0	0	.000	1	0	20	0
Notre Dame	0	0	0	.000	2	0	20	0

HOLCOMB'S CAREER STATS

2015	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
	23-8	0	0.00	0	0	.000	11	0.48	2	0.09	86	3.74	0	0	0	0.00