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Postmatch Notes Penn State 3, Harvard 0 Apr. 8, 2016 University Park, Pa. (Rec Hall)

Team

No.11 Penn State swept past Harvard in three sets (25-23, 25-18, 25-17) Friday evening, improving their overall record to 17-8 and EIVA record to 10-1.

Tonight's win against the Crimson marks the Nittany Lions tenth straight set victory of the season.

Junior Chris Nugent led the offense for the 15th match of the season with ten kills. Redshirtsenior Matt Seifert finished second on the team tallying nine kills.

Penn State out-blocked Harvard 7.0-5.0 with multi-block performances by six different Nittany Lions. Redshirt-senior Matt Seifert led the team for the 15th time this season, totaling five blocks including one solo stuff.

PSU out-aced Harvard thanks to multiple service aces from four different Nittany Lions. Junior Chris Nugent, redshirt-junior Andrew Roberts and redshirt-freshman Lee Smith all tied to lead the team from the service line with two aces apiece.

The Nittany Lions out-dug the Crimson 34-27, led by a match-high 12 digs from redshirt-freshman Royce Clemens.

Series

Penn State owns a 13-1 advantage in the all-time series against Harvard. This is PSU's second straight set win against Harvard this season.

Players

Chris Nugent, junior outside hitter

Nugent posted a match-high ten kills, marking his 20th match of the season with double figure kills.

He also finished second on the team contributing eight digs while registering two aces from the service line.

Matt Seifert, redshirt-senior middle hitter

Seifert led the blocking unit with five blocks including one solo stuff. He finished second on the team adding nine kills in the win.

Tonight marks Seifert's fifth match with five or more kills this season.

Andrew Roberts, redshirt-junior opposite

Roberts helped to lead the team from the service line, matching his season-high of two aces.

Royce Clemens, redshirt-freshman middle blocker

Clemens led the defense for the 18th time this season, dishing out a match-high 12 digs.

Tonight marks Clemens 11th match with double-digit digs.

Kevin Gear, redshirt-sophomore middle blocker

Gear notched five kills and served up two aces from the service line while posting two blocks including one solo stuff.

Lee Smith, redshirt-freshman outside hitter

Smith matched his season-high with two service aces, adding five kills and two digs.