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2011 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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30 NCAA Tournament Appearances • 14 Big Ten Titles

No. 12 Penn State (19-7, 12-4 Big Ten)



Nov. 18

Penn State vs. Indiana
7 p.m. ET • Rec Hall

Nov. 19

Penn State vs. Purdue
7 p.m. ET • Rec Hall

Nittany Lion Preview

The four-time defending national champion Penn State women's volleyball team is ranked No. 12 nationally as it heads into its final weekend of home matches before the postseason begins. The Nittany Lions are set to square off with Indiana at 7 p.m. on Nov. 18 before challenging No. 8 Purdue on Nov. 19, also at 7 p.m.

The Nittany Lions own a 19-7 overall record with a 12-4 record in the Big Ten after splitting last weekend with a 3-0 loss at then No. 7 Illinois and a 3-0 sweep of Northwestern. Sophomore Deja McClendon (Louisville, Ky.) led the Nittany Lions with 6.17 kills per set, while freshman setter Micha Hancock (Edmond, Okla.) averaged 12.83 assists per set and 0.83 aces per set. Sophomore Ali Longo (Littleton, Colo.) had 4.83 digs per set and sophomore Katie Slay (Raleigh, N.C.) put up 1.33 blocks per set.

For the week, Penn State hit .294 as a team and averaged 15.33 kills per set, 15.17 assists per set, 2.00 aces per set, 15.67 digs per set and 2.83 blocks per set.

Penn State vs. Indiana

The Nittany Lions are 42-1 all-time versus the Hoosiers dating back to 1982. Penn State visited Indiana earlier this season on Oct. 15 and earned a convincing 3-0 victory. Indiana secured their first win against Penn State in program history in 2010 in Bloomington. Penn State is 21-0 all-time against the Hoosiers at Rec Hall.

Scouting the Hoosiers

Indiana is currently 9-19 overall with a 1-14 record in Big Ten action. The Hoosiers opened the season with an 8-2 record. However, a loss against UC Santa Barbara on Sept. 17 was the start of a 17-match losing streak. The Hoosiers snapped the streak on Nov. 12 with a 3-2 victory against Iowa.

Penn State vs. Purdue

Penn State owns a 45-6 record in the series with Purdue. In 2010 the Boilermakers earned their first win against Penn State since 1987 with a 3-2 win in West Lafayette. The Nittany Lions are 1-0 in 2011 against Purdue after defeating the then No. 11 Boilermakers on their home floor, 3-1.

Scouting the Boilermakers

The eighth-ranked Boilermakers have compiled a 24-3 record this season with a 13-3 record in the Big Ten. Purdue's three conference losses have come at the hands of nationally-ranked Illinois, Nebraska and Penn State. The Boilermakers have won their last nine matches. Purdue stops at Ohio State on Nov. 18 before traveling to meet the Nittany Lions.

2011 Schedule

August

26-27 AVCA Showcase

26 vs. Oregon# L, 3-1
27 vs. No. 2 USC# W, 3-2

September

2-3 University of Pittsburgh Invitational

2 vs. Miami (Ohio) W, 3-0
2 at Pittsburgh W, 3-0
3 vs. New Hampshire W, 3-0

9-10 Nike Big Four Volleyball Classic

9 at No. 3 Stanford L, 3-1
10 vs. No. 10 Texas L, 3-2

16-17 Penn State Classic

16 vs. Long Island W, 3-0
17 vs. Rutgers W, 3-0
17 vs. Florida Gulf Coast W, 3-1
21 at No. 10 Nebraska*# L, 3-2
24 at Iowa* W, 3-0
30 vs. Wisconsin* W, 3-0

October

1 vs. No. 10 Minnesota*# W, 3-0
5 vs. Northwestern*# W, 3-2
8 vs. No. 1 Illinois*# L, 3-2
14 at No. 11 Purdue* W, 3-1
15 at Indiana* W, 3-0
19 vs. No. 23 Ohio State* W, 3-0
22 vs. No. 21 Michigan*# W, 3-0
28 vs. Iowa* W, 3-1
29 vs. No. 1 Nebraska*# W, 3-1

November

4 at No. 15 Minnesota*# W, 3-2
6 at Wisconsin* L, 3-2
11 at No. 7 Illinois* L, 3-0
12 at Northwestern* W, 3-0
18 vs. Indiana* **7 p.m.**
19 vs. No. 8 Purdue* **7 p.m.**
23 at Ohio State* 7 p.m.
26 at Michigan State* TBA

December

2 NCAA First Round Campus Sites
3 NCAA Second Round Campus Sites
9 NCAA Regional Semis TBA
10 NCAA Regional Championships TBA
15 NCAA Nat'l Semifinals San Antonio, Texas
17 NCAA Nat'l Final San Antonio, Texas

Home matches played at Rec Hall in **bold** • All times ET and subject to change • * Indicates Big Ten match • # indicates match will be aired on TV

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Quick Facts

The University

Location: University Park, Pa. 16802
 Founded: 1855
 Enrollment: 44,112
 Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Nittany Lions
 Conference: Big Ten
 President: Dr. Rodney Erickson
 Director of Athletics: Tim Curley
 Acting Director of Athletics: Dave Joyner
 Assoc. A.D./SWA Charmelle Green
 Facility (capacity): Rec Hall (5,812)

Volleyball Staff

Head Coach: Russ Rose (33rd season)
 Alma Mater: George Williams, 1975
 Overall Record (Yrs/Pct): 1,033-164 (32/.863)
 School Record: same
 Asst. Coaches: Dennis Hohenschelt (6th season)
 Kaleena Davidson (3rd season)
 Dir. of VB Operations: Adam Hughes (2nd season)
 Office Phone: (814) 863-7475 or (814) 863-7474
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Season in Review

2010 Record: 32-5
 Home: 20-0 Away: 8-5
 Neutral: 4-1
 Big Ten record (finish): 16-4 (1st)
 Home: 10-0 Away: 6-4
 Final AVCA Ranking: No. 1
 Postseason Play: NCAA National Champions
 First Round: def. Niagara, 3-0
 Second Round: def. Virginia Tech, 3-0
 Regional Semifinal: def. Oklahoma, 3-0
 Regional Final: def. Duke, 3-1
 National Semifinal: def. Texas, 3-0
 National Final: def. California, 3-0

The History

First Year of Volleyball: 1976
 All-Time Record (Years): 1,084-207-4 (35)
 All-Time Big Ten Record: 353-47
 Years/Win Pct.: 20/.883
 Big Ten Titles: (14) '92, '93, '96, '97, '98, '99, '03,
 '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10
 NCAA Tournament Appearances: 30
 NCAA Tournament Record: 73-25
 NCAA National Championships: 1999, 2007
 2008, 2009, 2010

2011 Penn State Roster

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School
1	Ariel Scott	So.	OH	6-4	Ridgewood, N.J./Immaculate Heart
2	Katie Kabbes	Sr.	OH	6-4	Raleigh, N.C./Cardinal Gibbons
4	Dominique Gonzalez	Fr.	DS	5-6	San Antonio, Texas/Sandra Day O'Connor
5	Kristin Carpenter	Jr.	S/DS	5-6	Mechanicsville, Va./Hanover
6	Maddie Martin	So.	OH	6-2	Tampa, Fla./H.B. Plant
7	Nia Grant	Fr.	OH	6-2	Warren, Ohio/Howland
8	Erica Denney	RS-Fr.	MH	6-3	Aurora, Colo./Grandview
10	Marika Racibarskas	Jr.	S	6-0	Chatham, N.J./Chatham
11	Darcy Dorton	RS-So.	OH	6-2	Muncie, Ind./Delta
12	Micha Hancock	S	Fr.	5-11	Edmond, Okla./Edmond Memorial
13	Megan Shifflett	Sr.	DS/S	5-6	Falls Church, Va./Langley
14	Aiyana Whitney	Fr.	OH	6-4	Norwood, N.J./Northern Valley Regional
15	Maggie Harding	RS-Fr.	DS	5-6	State College, Pa./State College Area
16	Katie Slay	So.	MH	6-6	Raleigh, N.C./Wakefield
18	Deja McClendon	So.	OH	6-1	Louisville, Ky./DuPont Manuel Magnet
23	Ali Longo	So.	DS	5-6	Littleton, Colo./Chatfield
33	Lacey Fuller	Fr.	DS	5-6	San Diego, Calif./Torrey Pines

Head Coach: Russ Rose (George Williams, 1975), 33rd year

Assistant Coaches: Dennis Hohenschelt (Juniata, 1993), 6th year
 Kaleena Davidson (Penn State, 2006), 3rd year

Director of VB Opps: Adam Hughes (Penn State, 2006), 2nd year

Trainer: Kelly Saxton (East Carolina, 2006), 3rd year

Vol. Assistant Coach: Adam Jarrett

Pronunciations

Aiyana.....	l-yahn-uh	Marika.....	Ma-REE-ka
Ariel	Air-ee-el	Megan.....	Mee-gan
Hohenschelt	HO-en-shelt	Micha.....	Mike-uh
Kabbes	CAB-es	Nia	Nee-uh
Kaleena.....	KA-lee-na	Racibarskas.....	Rass-i-bars-kus
Lacey.....	Lace-ee	Shifflett	Shiff-lett

Penn State Recap

The Nittany Lions are now 19-7 overall with a 12-4 record in Big Ten play after suffering a 3-0 loss to nationally-ranked Illinois and earned a 3-0 sweep of Northwestern. Sophomore Deja McClendon was integral in Penn State's performance as she led the team with 37 kills on .395 hitting. Freshman setter Micha Hancock paced the offense with 77 assists and also tallied five aces. Sophomore Ali Longo was strong in the back row with a team-best 29 digs and sophomore Katie Slay led the Lions at the net with eight total blocks.

What's Next?

The Nittany Lions close out the regular season next week with matches at Ohio State and Michigan State. Penn State takes on the Buckeyes on Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. before traveling to East Lansing, Mich. on Nov. 26 to face the Spartans. The

The NCAA will announce the tournament field on Sunday, Nov. 27 at 3 p.m. on ESPNews.

The Statistical Story

Here are this week's numbers (overall/Big Ten only) for Penn State and its opponents this weekend.

	Penn State	Indiana	Purdue
Hitting %	.258/.245	.168/.128	.262/.248
Kills per set	13.52/13.79	11.90/11.18	13.81/13.68
Assists per set	12.49/12.85	11.06/10.42	12.71/12.48
Aces per set	1.72/1.64	1.16/0.90	1.14/0.89
Digs per set	13.94/14.95	13.01/12.27	15.44/16.31
Blocks per set	2.76/2.83	1.91/1.63	2.88/2.90

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2011 Big Ten Standings (Through 11/14/11)

Team	Conf.			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Nebraska	14	2	.875	21	3	.875
Purdue	13	3	.812	24	3	.889
Illinois	13	3	.812	24	3	.889
Penn State	12	4	.750	19	7	.731
Michigan St.	8	8	.500	19	9	.679
Minnesota	8	8	.500	15	10	.600
Ohio State	7	9	.438	17	12	.586
Wisconsin	7	9	.438	15	13	.536
Michigan	6	10	.375	18	10	.643
Northwestern	6	10	.375	15	12	.556
Iowa	1	15	.062	11	18	.379
Indiana	1	15	.062	9	19	.321

Big Ten Players of the Week (POW/DPOW)

Aug. 29S. Holthus, NU/J. Chin, NU
 Sept. 5M. Bartsch, ILL/J. Granquist, MINN
 Sept. 12.. M. Hole, OSU/ C. Cox, IND & S. Mignin, OSU
 Sept. 19...A. Wittman, MINN/S. Mignin, OSU & **K. Slay, PSU**
 Sept. 26.. M. Bartsch, ILL/G. Mancuso, NEB/E. Johnson, ILL
 Oct. 3..... A. Turner, PUR/**K. Slay, PSU**
 Oct. 10..... A. Turner, PUR/A. Dorn, ILL
 Oct. 17...H. Werth, NEB/K. Dutchman, NU & K. Jones, PUR
 Oct. 24...G. Mancuso, NEB/K. Moster, MSU & K. Dutchman, NU
 Oct. 31..... A. Turner, PUR/K. Dutchman, NU
 Nov. 7 A. Wittman, MINN & A. Turner, PUR/
M. Booth, OSU & K. Jones, PUR
 Nov. 14 **D. McClendon, PSU/** R. Davis, PUR

Big Ten Freshman of the Week

Aug. 29K. Jones, PUR
 Sept. 5 L. Dannemiller, MICH
 Sept. 12 L. Dannemiller, MICH
 Sept. 19 T. Sherwin, OSU
 Sept. 26 M. Moster, MSU
 Oct. 3 L. Dannemiller, MICH
 Oct. 10 A. Dorn, ILL
 Oct. 17 K. Dutchman, NU & K. Jones, PUR
 Oct. 24 K. Dutchman, NU/K. Moster, MSU
 Oct. 31 Katie Dutchman, NU
 Nov. 7 K. Jones, PUR
 Nov. 14 .. **M Hancock, PSU** & L. Dannemiller, MICH

This Weekend in the Big Ten

Nov. 18

Indiana at Penn State (7 pm)
 Illinois at Michigan State (7 pm)
 Northwestern at Michigan (7 pm)
 Purdue at Ohio State (7 pm)
 Wisconsin at Iowa (8 pm)

Nov. 19

Illinois at Michigan (7 pm)
 Northwestern at Michigan State (7 pm)
 Purdue at Penn State (7 pm)
 Minnesota at Iowa (8 pm)
 Wisconsin at Nebraska (8 pm)

Nov. 20

Indiana at Ohio State (noon)

McClendon & Hancock Pick Up Big Ten Weekly Awards

Sophomore Deja McClendon was named Big Ten Player of the Week and freshman Micha Hancock earned Co-Freshman of the Week laurels on Nov. 14. Hancock shared the honor with Michigan's Lexi Dannemiller. It was the first player of the week award for McClendon and the first weekly honor of Hancock's career.

McClendon averaged 6.2 kills per set and 2.2 digs per set on .395 hitting after a 3-0 setback to Illinois and a 3-0 sweep of Northwestern. McClendon pounded 17 kills on .350 hitting with three digs, an ace and a block against the Illini. She went on to tally a double-double against the Wildcats with 20 kills on .439 hitting with 20 digs. Hancock averaged 12.8 assists, 1.5 digs and 0.8 aces per set against the Illini and Wildcats. Against Illinois, Hancock notched 35 assists and three aces before helping the Nittany Lions to a .346 attack percentage with 42 assists and eight digs at Northwestern.

Hancock Breaks Penn State Single Season Aces Record

Freshman Micha Hancock broke the Penn State single season aces record on Nov. 4 at Minnesota. The setter, who has a left-handed jump serve, had 70 going into the match with the Gophers. She finished the match with three aces to break the record. She now holds the single season record for aces with 80. She currently ranks ninth in Big Ten single season records.

Name, Year

Name, Year	Aces
Micha Hancock, 2011*	80
Noelle Zientara, 1988	72
Ellen Hensler, 1983	67
Michelle Jaworski, 1988	63
Alyssa D'Errico, 2009*	62

* - rally-scoring era

Penn State Upends No. 1 Nebraska

After defeating Iowa, 3-1, on Oct. 28, the Nittany Lions continued to improve their conference record with a 3-1 (25-17, 25-15, 17-25, 25-17) win against then No.1 Nebraska. It was Nebraska's second visit to Rec Hall and its first as a member of the Big Ten. The win improved Penn State's record against Nebraska to 7-13 overall and 1-1 on the Nittany Lions home court. The Nittany Lions out-hit, out-dug, out-served and out-blocked the Huskers. Sophomore Deja McClendon had a match-high 18 kills, freshman Micha Hancock had a match-best six aces, sophomore Ali Longo led all players with 17 digs and sophomore Katie Slay put up eight total blocks.

Big Ten in the Poll

The Big Ten leads the nation with seven teams ranked in the AVCA Top 25 Coaches Poll. Nebraska leads the conference at No. 4, Illinois is sitting at No. 7, Purdue is eighth and Penn State is ranked No. 12. Minnesota checks in at No. 19, while Michigan follows at No. 23 with Ohio State ranked No. 25. Michigan State and Wisconsin are receiving votes in the latest poll.

Big Ten Home Streak

The Nittany Lions final historic streak came to an end on Oct. 8, 2011. Penn State won a record 68 consecutive Big Ten matches on their home court in Rec Hall leading up to their Oct. 8 match with top-ranked Illinois. The streak began on Oct. 29, 2004 with a 3-0 win against Indiana. Since that date, the Nittany Lions have won seven of their 14 Big Ten titles and own a conference record of 131-8. The program also went undefeated in league play four times.

Slay Picks Up Big Ten Weekly Award

Sophomore middle hitter Katie Slay picked up the second weekly honor of the season as this week's Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week. Slay was an integral part of Penn State's victories against Wisconsin on Sept. 30 and No. 10 Minnesota on Oct. 1.

In Penn State's 3-0 sweep of Wisconsin, Slay had eight kills in nine swings and had a match-high five total blocks, including two solo stuffs. She followed up that performance with nine kills in 12 attempts against the Gophers. Slay was a wall at the net with a match-best seven total blocks, including two solo. For the weekend, Slay was second on the team with 17 kills on a team-high .714 attack percentage. She also led the Nittany Lions with 12 total blocks. Slay averaged 2.83 kills per set and 2.00 blocks per set.



AVCA Top 25

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No.	School	Pts.	Rec.	LW
1	USC (41)	1452	22-4	4
2	UCLA (4)	1347	23-4	1
3	California (2)	1318	25-4	5
4	Nebraska (3)	1299	21-3	2
5	Stanford (2)	1214	20-5	3
6	Hawaii (6)	1206	26-1	6
7	Illinois (1)	1179	24-3	7
8	Purdue (1)	1121	24-3	10
9	Texas	1063	18-4	8
10	Washington	949	19-7	11
11	Northern Iowa	884	28-1	12
12	Penn State	866	19-7	9
13	Iowa State	797	20-4	13
14	Tennessee	678	24-3	15
15	Oregon	566	18-8	20
16	Kentucky	547	24-4	18
17	Florida	517	21-5	19
18	Pepperdine	488	19-6	14
19	Minnesota	440	15-10	16
20	San Diego	387	26-3	21
21	Florida State	377	22-5	17
22	Miami	172	23-3	NR
23	Michigan	129	18-10	24
24	LBSU	96	19-7	NR
25	Ohio State	73	17-12	22

Receiving Votes: Western Kentucky 6; Colorado State 50; Tulsa 43; Kansas State 32; Texas A&M 30; Dayton 16; Northern Illinois 15; Michigan State 13; Oklahoma 12; Duk 11; St. Mary's 11; Arizona 10; Cincinnati 6; Wisconsin 6; North Carolina 3; Louisville 2

Penn State in the poll:

Aug. 16: #1
 Aug. 29: #2
 Sept. 5 :#2
 Sept. 12: #5
 Sept. 19: #5
 Sept. 26: #9
 Oct. 3: #8
 Oct. 10: #9
 Oct. 17: #9
 Oct. 24: #8
 Oct. 31: #6
 Nov. 7: #9
 Nov. 14: #12
 Next Poll: Nov. 21

Scott Posts Career-High at Nebraska

Sophomore Ariel Scott had a strong night offensively on Sept. 21 in Penn State's Big Ten opener at Nebraska. Scott posted a career-best 23 kills on .360 hitting, while also tallying five digs and four blocks. She followed up that performance with a match-high 18 kills on Sept. 24 vs. Iowa.

Slay Named Co-Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week

Sophomore middle blocker Katie Slay (Raleigh, N.C.) was named this week's Big Ten Co-Defensive Player of the Week. This is the second honor of Slay's career. She shares the honor with Ohio State's Sarah Mignin.

The Hampton Inn Classic MVP, Slay averaged 1.90 blocks per set in three matches over the weekend as the Nittany Lions defeated Long Island, Rutgers and Florida Gulf Coast. Slay totaled 19 blocks for the weekend, including tying her personal best with 10 vs. FGCU. She also finished second on the team with 27 kills, averaging 2.70 kills per set on a team-best .561 hitting.

Ace!

The Nittany Lions rank 10th nationally and first in the Big Ten with 1.72 aces per set. Freshman Micha Hancock leads the Big Ten and ranks second in the nation with 0.82 aces per set. Against FGCU, the Nittany Lions totaled a program-best 11 aces (rally scoring-era only) including three from Hancock and two each from Kristin Carpenter, Ali Longo and Lacey Fuller.

Hampton Inn Classic All-Tournament Selections

Slay was named the Hampton Inn Classic MVP, while sophomores Ali Longo and Ariel Scott were named to the Hampton Inn Classic All-Tournament Team. Joining the trio on the all-tournament team was Brittany Bozzini of Rutgers, FGCU's Jill Hopper and Kaitlin Holm and Long Island's Hanna Gibeau.

Nike Big Four Volleyball Classic All-Tournament Accolades

Sophomore Deja McClendon was named to the Nike Big Four Volleyball Classic All-Tournament Team. McClendon led the team with 42 kills during the weekend, including tying her career-high with 25 vs. Texas. Joining McClendon was Stanford's Carly Wopat, Rachel Williams and Karissa Cook, Florida's Kelly Murphy and Kristy Jaeckel and Texas' Hayley Eckerman.

Pittsburgh Invitational All-Tournament Team

Junior libero Kristin Carpenter, sophomore outside Deja McClendon and freshman setter Micha Hancock were all named to the University of Pittsburgh Invitational All-Tournament Team. For the weekend, McClendon led the team with 30 kills on .333 hitting, while Carpenter had a team-best 31 digs (3.44 digs per set). Hancock was the starting setter in all three matches and totaled 89 assists (9.89 assists per set), a team-high 10 aces, including six vs. New Hampshire and was second on the team with 20 digs (2.22 digs per set). Joining the trio on the all-tournament team were Miami's Jenn Caylor, New Hampshire's Amy Keding and Pittsburgh's Jasmine Ditrach and Lindsey Zitzke.

AVCA Showcase All-Tournament Honors

Sophomore Deja McClendon and freshman Micha Hancock each earned a spot on the AVCA Showcase All-Tournament team. McClendon combined for 40 kills, averaging 4.44 kills per set, on .341 hitting. Hancock was the starting setter against USC. For the weekend she guided the Nittany Lions to a .303 attack percentage, had eight kills in nine errorless swings, and tallied 56 assists. She also had six aces against the Trojans. Joining the pair on the all-tournament team were Minnesota's Ashley Wittman and Jessica Granquist, Oregon's Alaina Bergsma and USC's Alex Jupiter.

Season Opening Record

Under head coach Russ Rose, the Nittany Lions are 27-6 in season openers. Penn State's Aug. 26 loss to Oregon was the Lions' first season-opening loss since 2005 when the Nittany Lions suffered a 3-2 setback to Stanford, also in the AVCA Showcase. All six times the Nittany Lions have lost their season opener, they have rallied to win their second match. Penn State has never opened the season 0-2.



By The Numbers...

Penn State's record is...

Overall	19-7
At home	11-2
On the road	6-4
On a neutral court	2-1
Non-conference matches	7-3
Big Ten matches	12-4
Against ranked opponents	7-5
Against unranked opponents	12-2
When at home with PSU football	2-1
In front of 2,000 or more people	14-5

By Individual Sets...

Three sets	12-1
Four sets	4-2
Five sets	3-4
Sets over 25 points	6-3
Fifth sets over 15 points	0-0

When...

When winning 1-0	17-3
Winning 2-0	14-0
Losing 1-0	2-3
Losing 2-0	1-4
On television	5-3
On radio	19-7

By Kills...

Leading in kills	19-5
Trailing in kills	0-2
Tied in kills	0-0

By Digs...

Leading in digs	13-2
Trailing in digs	5-5
Tied in digs	1-0

By Hitting Percentage...

Leading/tied in hitting pct.	19-3
Trailing in hitting pct.	0-4
Hitting .400 or above	1-0
Hitting .300 to .399	9-1
Hitting .200 to .299	8-3
Hitting .100 to .199	1-3
Hitting below .100	0-0
Holding opponents below .200	10-2
Holding opponents to .100 or below	6-0

By Blocks...

Leading in blocks	16-4
Trailing in blocks	2-3
Tied in blocks	1-0

By Day of the Week...

Wednesday/Thursday	2-1
Friday	7-3
Saturday/Sunday	10-3

By the Players...

Two or more with double-digit kills	11-6
Two or more with double-digit digs	8-6
Team has 10 or more blocks	12-3

Freshmen Debuts

Four Nittany Lions newcomers made their collegiate debuts in the AVCA Showcase on Aug. 26-27. Freshmen Dominique Gonzalez, Micha Hancock and Lacey Fuller all subbed in during Penn State's match with Oregon on Aug. 26. In addition, Hancock and Nia Grant both made their first starts on Aug. 27 vs. USC.

Nittany Lions Debut Atop AVCA Coaches Poll

The four-time defending national champion Penn State women's volleyball team heads into the 2011 season as the preseason favorite in the AVCA Division I Coaches Top 25 Poll. The eight-time defending Big Ten Champions earned 1,486 total points and 54 of 60 first place votes.

USC is ranked second heading into 2011 having garnered 1,424 points and five first place votes. Following the Trojans is California (No. 3), who Penn State defeated in the 2010 National Championship match, Texas (No. 4) and Nebraska (No. 5).

Penn State Chosen as Preseason Favorite

For the seventh consecutive season and the eighth since 2001, the Nittany Lions have topped the preseason list as the favorite to win the Big Ten. Illinois and Nebraska tied for second in the preseason poll and Purdue was slated fourth. Minnesota was picked to finish fifth and Michigan State rounded out the poll at sixth.

Big Ten Dominance

With a 3-0 victory against Iowa on Nov. 26, 2010, the Nittany Lions clinched their eighth straight and 14th overall Big Ten title since joining the league for the 1991 season. The streak is unprecedented in the league in women's volleyball. The squad earned the conference title in 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. Every senior class at Penn State since 1992 has claimed at least one conference championship and the last five graduating classes have earned a conference title each year of their career.

Since 1985 when double round-robin play was instituted, only nine times has the conference champion gone undefeated, including Illinois in 1986 and 1988 with 18-0 records, Ohio State in 1991 with a 20-0 record and Penn State in 1998, 1999, 2005, 2007, 2008 and 2009 with 20-0 marks.

The Rec Hall Advantage

Between Sept. 1, 2006 and Dec. 10, 2010 the Penn State women's volleyball team won a record-setting 94 consecutive home court matches. Penn State's 94-match home court winning streak ranks as one of the longest streaks in any D1 NCAA sport. In NCAA team sports of record, only a trio of men's basketball streaks (Kentucky, 1943-55 [129]; St. Bonaventure, 1948-61 [99]; UCLA, 1970-76 [98]) outranks the Nittany Lions' home court run. The women's volleyball program owns two of the top home court winning streaks having won 87 consecutive matches between Nov. 25, 1995 and Sept. 16, 2000. Nebraska's 91-match home court winning streak ranks second all-time.

Three Nittany Lions Earn Big Ten Preseason Honors

A trio of Nittany Lions has earned Preseason All-Big Ten honors from the coaches. Junior Kristin Carpenter and sophomores Deja McClendon and Katie Slay all picked up preseason accolades. McClendon was a unanimous selection and the awards were the first career honors for all three squad members.

Leading Lions

The team captains for the 2011-12 season are senior Katie Kabbes, junior Kristin Carpenter and redshirt sophomore Darcy Dorton.

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No.	School
1	USC
2	UCLA
3	Nebraska
4	Purdue
5	California
6	Hawaii
7	Stanford
8	Illinois
9	Texas
10	Penn State
11	Northern Iowa
12	Washington
13	Iowa State
14	Tennessee
15	Florida
16	Minnesota
17	Oregon
18	Pepperdine
19	Kentucky
20	Florida State
21	San Diego
22	Arizona
23	Michigan State
24	Miami
t-25	Michigan
t-25	Ohio State
27	LBSU
28	Dayton
29	Texas A&M
30	Tulsa

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No.	School	Points	LW
1.	USC (7)	193	4
2.	UCLA (2)	181	1
3.	California	173	5
4.	Nebraska	167	2
5.	Texas	150	6
6.	Hawaii	149	7
7.	Stanford	145	3
8.	Purdue	144	10
9.	Illinois	136	8
10.	Penn State	101	9
11.	Northern Iowa	99	11
12.	Washington	93	12
13.	Iowa State	82	13
14.	Tennessee	64	15
15.	Oregon	48	19
16.	Florida	41	18
17.	Pepperdine	39	14
18.	Kentucky	37	20
19.	Minnesota	29	16
20.	Florida State	16	17

Receiving Votes: San Diego, Long Beach State, Cincinnati, Louisville

Streaks

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. Illinois owns the fourth (40) and fifth (25) longest conference winning streaks.

Top Five Consecutive Big Ten Win Streaks

- 65 - Penn State (11/11/06 - 9/18/10) - snapped at Illinois (9/24/10)
- 49 - Penn State (11/1/97 - 11/27/99) - snapped at Wisconsin (9/22/00)
- 41 - Penn State (10/22/04 - 10/21/06) - snapped at Wisconsin (10/27/06)
- 40 - Illinois (11/15/85 - 11/20/87) - snapped at Purdue (11/27/87)
- 25 - Illinois (10/2/92 - 10/9/93) - snapped vs. Penn State (10/15/93)

NCAA Notes

The Nittany Lions made history in 2010 winning their fourth straight NCAA title. It was the fifth overall for the program and for head coach Russ Rose, the most national championships ever for a Division I volleyball head coach. Penn State's four consecutive NCAA women's volleyball titles are the most consecutive national titles ever for a Division I volleyball squad. The program's five titles (1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010) ranks second all-time behind Stanford's six.

Since 1981, only 10 teams have won an NCAA title in Division I women's volleyball, which currently totals 328 programs. The schools include, USC (3), Hawaii (3), UCLA (3), Pacific (2), Texas (1), LBSU (3), Stanford (6), Nebraska (3), Penn State (5) and Washington (1). Only four other teams have made an appearance in the NCAA National Championship, including Wisconsin, Florida, Minnesota and California. In addition, only 10 other teams besides the ones previously listed have earned a spot in the NCAA National Semifinals. These programs include, San Diego State, San Jose State, Illinois, UT-Arlington, LSU, Ohio State, Michigan State, Arizona, Santa Clara and Tennessee.

Volleyball Links

- Penn State Athletics www.goPSUsports.com
- Rich Kern www.RichKern.com
- PSU WVB Booster Club www.psuwvbc.net
- Big Ten Conference www.BigTen.org
- Big Ten Network www.BigTenNetwork.com
- NCAA www.ncaa.com
- AVCA www.avca.org
- USA Volleyball (USAV) www.usav.org

1999, 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2010 NCAA Champions



Career Milestones

Several Nittany Lions are nearing career milestones in 2011:

Kristin Carpenter

- Has 1,442 assists. Needs 558 to reach 2,000.
- Has 463 digs. Needs 37 to reach 500.

Darcy Dorton

- Has 295 kills. Needs 205 to reach 500.

Katie Kabbes

- Has 190 kills. Needs 10 to reach 200.

Deja McClendon

- Has 770 kills. Needs 230 to reach 1,000.
- Has 131 blocks. Needs 69 to reach 200.
- Has 417 digs. Needs 83 to reach 500.

Ariel Scott

- Has 471 kills. Needs 29 to reach 500.

Katie Slay

- Has 261 kills. Needs 39 to reach 300.
- Has 223 blocks. Needs 77 to reach 300.

Career Leaders

Below are the career leaders in each statistical category:

Kills

- 2,282 Lori Barberich, 1981-84
- 2,142 Megan Hodge, 2006-09

Hitting Percentage

- .468 Arielle Wilson, 2007-10
- .433 Christa Harmotto, 2005-08

Digs

- 1,957 Kaleena Walters, 2002-05
- 1,685 Kim Kumfer, 1989-92

Total Blocks

- 767 Lauren Cacciamani, 1996-99
- 736 Terri Zemaitis, 1994-97

Assists

- 6,596 Michelle Jaworski, 1987-90
- 6,087 Sam Tortorello, 2002-05

Aces

- 235 Ellen Hensler, 1983-86
- 183 Vida Kernich, 1983-86

Penn State in the top 10 Big Ten Stats (as of Nov. 14, 2011)

Category	All Matches	Rank (leader)	Conf. Only	Rank (leader)
Hitting Pct.	.258	4th (MSU - .271)	.245	5th (NEB - .261)
<i>Katie Slay</i>	.385	2nd	.359	2nd
Opp. Hitting Pct.	.174	5th (PUR - .141)	.188	5th (PUR - .158)
Assists Per Set	12.16	9th (OSU - 13.56)	12.85	3rd (OSU - 13.06)
<i>Micha Hancock</i>	10.18	7th	10.70	4th
Kills Per Set	13.52	7th (OSU - 14.39)	13.79	2nd (OSU - 13.90)
<i>Deja McClendon</i>	3.59	9th	3.52	9th
<i>Ariel Scott</i>	3.49	N/A	4.00	4th
Blocks Per Set	2.76	2nd (PUR - 2.88)	2.83	2nd (PUR - 2.90)
<i>Katie Slay</i>	1.43	2nd	1.49	2nd
Service Aces Per Set	1.72	1st	1.64	1st
<i>Micha Hancock</i>	0.82	1st	0.84	1st
<i>Ali Longo</i>	0.26	N/A	0.26	9th
Digs Per Set	13.94	10th (NU - 15.57)	14.95	8th (PUR - 16.31)
<i>Ali Longo</i>	3.08	N/A	3.85	9th

Penn State in the top 50 National Stats (as of Nov. 14, 2011)

Category	All Matches	Rank	Leader	Stats
Hitting Pct.	.258	23rd	Hawaii	.304
<i>Katie Slay</i>	.385	21st	L. Hutchinson	.438
Assists Per Set	12.16	N/A	N. Illinois	14.07
Kills Per Set	13.52	N/A	N. Illinois	15.10
Blocks Per Set	2.76	17th	Washington	3.26
<i>Katie Slay</i>	1.43	14th	A. Neff, Florida St.	1.69
Service Aces Per Set	1.72	12th	Mississippi Valley	2.15
<i>Micha Hancock</i>	0.82	2nd	J. Myer, Belmont	0.83
Digs Per Set	13.94	N/A	Miami	18.88

Match-By-Match Starting Lineups

Date	Opp.	W/L	Score	Setter	Opp.	OH	OH/DS	MB	MB	L
8/26	Oregon	L	3-1	Carpenter	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Kabbes	Longo
8/27	USC	W	3-2	Hancock	Kabbes	McClendon	Scott	Slay	Grant	Carpenter
9/2	Miami	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Carpenter
9/2	Pittsburgh	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Carpenter
9/3	UNH	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Carpenter
9/9	Stanford	L	3-1	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Carpenter
9/10	Texas	L	3-2	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Carpenter
9/16	LIU	W	3-0	Hancock	Kabbes	McClendon	Scott	Slay	Grant	Carpenter
9/17	Rutgers	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
9/17	FGCU	W	3-1	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
9/21	Nebraska L	3-2	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo	
9/24	Iowa	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Whitney	Slay	Grant	Longo
9/30	Wisconsin	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
10/1	Minnesota	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
10/5	NU	W	3-2	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
10/8	Illinois	L	3-2	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Gonz.	Slay	Grant	Longo
10/14	Purdue	W	3-1	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Gonz.	Slay	Grant	Longo
10/15	Indiana	W	3-0	Hancock	McClendon	Martin	Carp.	Slay	Grant	Longo
10/19	Ohio St.	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Gonz.	Slay	Grant	Longo
10/22	Michigan	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
10/28	Iowa	W	3-1	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
10/29	Nebraska	W	3-1	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
11/4	Minnesota	W	3-2	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Gonz.	Slay	Grant	Longo
11/6	Wisconsin	L	3-2	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Gonz.	Slay	Grant	Longo
11/11	Illinois	L	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Gonz.	Slay	Grant	Longo
11/12	NU	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo



2011 Honors

Kristin Carpenter

Preseason All-Big Ten
Pittsburgh Invitational All-Tournament Team

Deja McClendon

Unanimous Preseason All-Big Ten
AVCA Showcase All-Tournament Team
Pittsburgh Invitational All-Tournament Team
Nike Big Four VB Classic All-Tournament Team

Katie Slay

Preseason All-Big Ten
Hampton Inn Classic MVP
Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week (9/19, 10/3)

Micha Hancock

AVCA Showcase All-Tournament Team
Pittsburgh Invitational MVP

Ariel Scott

Hampton Inn Classic All-Tournament Team

Ali Longo

Hampton Inn Classic All-Tournament Team

Nittany Lions By Month

Penn State is 35-5 (.875) all-time during the month of August. Its first two losses came during the inaugural NACWAA in 1995 when Nebraska swept the Lions, and in the 1999 NACWAA when Florida outlasted Penn State 3-2 in the opening round. The Lions lost to UCLA in the first round of the NACWAA in 2000 and fell to defending national champion Stanford in the first round of the AVCA/NACWAA Showcase in 2005, hosted by the Qwest Center in Omaha, Neb. Penn State's most recent August loss came to Oregon in the AVCA Showcase on Aug. 26, 2011.

Penn State is 349-54-4 (.862) all-time during the month of September. Amazingly, the Lions are 170-15 (.919) during September dating back to the 1995 season and 58-7 (.892) over the last five years.

The Lions are 376-67 (.849) all-time during the month of October. Penn State has posted a 83-13 (.864) mark in October over the last 10 seasons, a record of 47-4 (.922) in the last five years and did not lose a match during the month from 2007 to 2010 .

Penn State is 271-57 (.826) all-time during the month of November, including a 79-10 (.888) mark over the last 10 seasons. The Lions had a six-year streak from 1995-2000 where they did not lose a match in the month, and over the last eight seasons, Penn State has a 67-4 (.944) mark in November.

Quick Sets

- During a period from Oct. 16, 1996 to Nov. 9, 2001, Penn State had won 139 consecutive matches when taking a 2-0 lead. Since joining the Big Ten for the 1991 season, Penn State has played in 698 total matches, winning 621. Amazingly, 497 of those 621 wins, or 80%, have been three-game sweeps. Over the last five years, Penn State has won 149 of its 174 victories in three games (86%), including 37 out of 38 (98%) in 2008 and 32 out of 38 in 2009 (84%).

- Over the last 15 years, the Lions have lost only 57 matches. And of those 20 teams that defeated the Lions – Brigham Young, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Long Beach State, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Nebraska, Northwestern, Ohio State, Oregon, Purdue, USC, Stanford, Temple, Tennessee, UCLA, Washington and Wisconsin – only nine of these teams (Nebraska, Stanford, Ohio State, Illinois, Wisconsin, UCLA, Minnesota, Florida and Michigan State,) have been able to beat Penn State a third time. The Lions have compiled a 278-58 (83%) mark in the last 15 years versus these teams.

vs. Michigan	29-2	vs. Stanford	6-7
vs. Northwestern	29-2	vs. Michigan State	27-3
vs. Wisconsin	26-7	vs. Ohio State	26-6
vs. Florida	4-3	vs. UCLA	3-3
vs. Nebraska	5-4	vs. Minnesota	26-7
vs. LBSU	0-1	vs. USC	1-1
vs. Illinois	28-5	vs. Temple	2-1
vs. Brigham Young	5-1	vs. Tennessee	0-1
vs. Purdue	31-1	vs. Indiana	29-1
vs. Washington	0-1	vs. Oregon	1-1

Penn State by the Numbers

5	Number of NCAA National Championships (1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010)
10	Number of "Fab 50" selections on the 2010 squad
14	Number of Big Ten titles in 20 seasons in the league
20	Number of Conference Players of the Year
30	Number of NCAA Tournaments Penn State has participated in, one of two schools to play in all 30.
34	Number of consecutive 20-win seasons
36	Seasons of Penn State women's volleyball, which started in 1976 under the direction of Tom Tait
68	Number of polls in which Penn State was ranked No. 1
68	Number of Big Ten home match wins between Oct. 10/29/04 and 10/8/11
65	Longest Big Ten winning streak recorded by the Nittany Lions from 11/11/06 to 9/24/10
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
134	Number of Academic All-Big Ten honorees in 20 years
221	Number of home match wins at Rec Hall in last 10 years
1,052	Number of wins by head coach Russ Rose in his 33rd season
1,103	Number of wins in Penn State women's volleyball history



Double-Doubles

Kristin Carpenter (10 career)

- at Florida, 9/10/10 (41 assists, 12 digs)
- vs. GWU, 9/17/10 (31 assists, 10 digs)
- at Illinois, 9/24/10 (53 assists, 10 digs)
- at Indiana, 10/9/10 (50 assists, 13 digs)
- vs. Iowa, 10/16/10 (34 assists, 10 digs)
- vs. Indiana, 10/29/10 (37 assists, 10 digs)
- at Michigan, 11/5/10 (26 assists, 11 digs)
- at Iowa, 11/26/10 (42 assists, 11 digs)
- at Minnesota, 11/27/10 (70 assists, 15 digs)
- vs. Duke, 12/11/10 (45 assists, 13 digs)

Deja McClendon (5 season, 10 career)

- at Nebraska, 9/21/11 (16 kills, 13 digs)
- vs. Illinois, 10/8/11 (12 kills, 11 digs)
- at Minnesota, 11/4/11 (23 kills, 10 digs)
- at Wisconsin, 11/6/11 (17 kills, 16 digs)
- at Northwestern, 11/12/11 (20 kills, 10 digs)
- at Wisconsin, 9/26/10 (12 kills, 16 digs)
- vs. Michigan, 10/2/10 (14 kills, 10 digs)
- at Purdue, 10/8/10 (20 kills, 11 digs)
- vs. Purdue, 10/30/10 (16 kills, 15 digs)
- vs. Duke, 12/11/10 (20 kills, 10 digs)

Ariel Scott (1 season, 1 career)

- vs. Northwestern, 10/5/11 (13 kills, 13 digs)

Maddie Martin (1 season, 1 career)

- vs. Iowa, 10/28/11 (10 kills, 14 digs)

Micha Hancock (9 season)

- at Pitt, 9/2/11 (27 assists, 11 digs)
- at Stanford, 9/9/11 (45 assists, 11 digs)
- vs. Texas, 9/10/11 (52 assists, 12 digs)
- vs. FGCU, 9/17/11 (36 assists, 13 digs)
- at Nebraska, 9/21/11 (53 assists, 12 digs)
- vs. Illinois, 10/8/11 (45 assists, 19 digs)
- vs. Iowa, 10/28/11 (47 assists, 16 digs)
- at Minnesota, 11/4/11 (58 assists, 18 digs)
- at Wisconsin, 11/6/11 (60 assists, 13 digs)

The Last Time a Lion...

- Had 30 or more kills 31 - Nicole Fawcett vs. Cal Poly (8/31/07)
- Had 10 or more blocks..... 10 - Katie Slay vs. FGCU (9/17/11)
- Had five or more aces 7 - Micha Hancock vs. Illinois (10/8/11)
- Had 25 or more digs.....35 - Alyssa D'Errico at Minnesota (11/27/10)
- Had 80 or more assists 82 - Samatha 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 vs. FGCU, 9/17/11 (20-25, 25-11, 25-17, 25-11)
- Lost a match vs. Texas, 9/10/11 (23-25, 20-25, 25-19, 25-14, 10-15)
- Won a match vs. FGCU, 9/17/11 (20-25, 25-11, 25-17, 25-11)
- Lost at home vs. Oregon, 8/26/11 (25-16, 25-21, 25-20, 25-22)
- Won 3-0 at home.....vs. Rutgers, 9/17/11 (25-12, 25-17, 25-14)
- Lost 3-0 at home.....vs. UC-Santa Barbara, 9/18/86 (1-15, 7-15, 13-15)
- Won 3-0 on the roadvs. New Hampshire, 9/3/11 (25-14, 25-11, 25-11)
- 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 at Northwestern, 11/12/11 (25-19, 25-14, 25-17)
- Lost a match at Illinois, 11/11/11 (21-25, 23-25, 26-28)
- Won at homevs. Nebraska, 10/29/11 (25-17, 25-15, 17-25, 25-17)
- Lost at homevs. Illinois, 10/8/11 (25-21, 21-25, 25-23, 21-25, 12-15)
- Won 3-0 at home.....vs. Michigan, 10/22/11 (25-22, 25-21, 25-23)
- Lost 3-0 at home.....vs. Minnesota, 10/18/03 (26-30, 18-30, 21-30)
- Won 3-0 on the road at Northwestern, 11/12/11 (25-19, 25-14, 25-17)
- Lost 3-0 on the road..... at Illinois, 11/11/11 (21-25, 23-25, 26-28)

All Matches

- Won a match at Northwestern, 11/12/11 (25-19, 25-14, 25-17)
- Lost a match at Illinois, 11/11/11 (21-25, 23-25, 26-28)
- Won at homevs. Nebraska, 10/29/11 (25-17, 25-15, 17-25, 25-17)
- Lost at homevs. Illinois, 10/8/11 (25-21, 21-25, 25-23, 21-25, 12-15)
- Won 3-0 at home.....vs. Michigan, 10/22/11 (25-22, 25-21, 25-23)
- Lost 3-0 at home.....vs. Indiana, 10/29/10 (25-17, 25-18, 25-22)
- Won 3-0 on the road at Northwestern, 11/12/11 (25-19, 25-14, 25-17)
- Lost 3-0 on the road..... at Illinois, 11/11/11 (21-25, 23-25, 26-28)

Packing Rec Hall Once Again

As usual, Penn State is among the national leaders in attendance in 2011. The Nittany Lions rank fifth in the country averaging 3,360 fans per match so far this season. Hawaii sits in first place, while Nebraska ranks second, Minnesota sits at third and Wisconsin is fourth.

	School	Average Attend.	Total Attend.	Home Dates		School	Average Attend.	Total Attend.	Home Dates
1.	Hawaii	6,497	129,940	20	16.	New Mexico	2,184	26,211	12
2.	Nebraska	4,637	55,468	12	17.	Colorado St.	2,151	25,815	12
3.	Minnesota	4,173	41,726	10	18.	Michigan St.	1,834	23,841	13
4.	Wisconsin	3,754	45,049	12	19.	TCU	1,734	20,806	12
5.	Penn State	3,360	43,677	13	20.	USC	1,643	14,789	9
6.	Texas	2,702	29,721	11	21.	Oregon	1,599	20,788	13
7.	Florida	2,675	37,451	14	22.	Louisville	1,588	17,466	11
8.	Illinois	2,646	34,395	13	23.	N. Mex. St.	1,573	18,878	12
9.	Wichita St.	2,527	27,797	11	24.	Kansas St.	1,527	16,796	11
10.	Washington	2,509	30,111	12	25.	Texas A&M	1,525	16,780	11
11.	Purdue	2,418	38,686	16	26.	Duke	1,436	21,541	15
12.	Stanford	2,365	28,375	12	27.	Ohio	1,436	15,792	11
13.	Iowa State	2,332	20,987	9	28.	UNC	1,371	20,566	15
14.	UNI	2,319	34,787	15	29.	BYU	1,345	14,795	11
15.	Missouri	2,226	22,260	10	30.	Iowa	1,328	17,262	13

1999, 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2010 NCAA Champions



Head Coach Russ Rose

Penn State head coach Russ Rose is in his 33rd season at the helm of the Nittany Lion program with an overall record of 1,033-164. Rose joins just two other coaches who have passed the 1,000-win plateau during their careers with the win on Dec. 17, 2009.

(All numbers current as of Dec. 18, 2010)

1,106 Andy Banachowski, UCLA (ret.) (43 yrs)
 1,045 Dave Shoji, Hawaii (36 yrs)
1,033 Russ Rose, Penn State (32 yrs)
 892 Mike Hebert, Minnesota (ret.) (35 yrs)
 886 Elaine Michaelis, BYU (ret.) (33 yrs)
 847 Kathy Gregory, UCSB (36 yrs)
 834 Shelton Collier, Wingate (30 yrs)
 828 Debby Colberg, Sacramento St. (ret.) (32 yrs)
 809 Marilyn Nolen, Sul Ross St. (ret.) (32 yrs)

Rose also currently ranks first in the nation in terms of winnigest active coaches by percentage.

.863 Russ Rose, Penn State (32 years)
1,033-164 career record
 .853 Dave Shoji, Hawaii (36 years)
 1,045-179 career record
 .844 Mary Wise, Florida (24 years)
 713-132 career record
 .830 John Cook, Nebraska (18 years)
 497-102 career record
 .828 John Dunning, Stanford (26 years)
 726-151 career record

Rose at a Glance

- 1999, 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2010 NCAA National Champions
- 2007 inductee into the AVCA Hall of Fame
- 2005 USA Volleyball All-Time Great Coach
- 2000 USOC Volleyball Coach of the Year
- 1997, '99, 2007 & '08 AVCA National Coach of the Year
- 12-time Big Ten Coach of the Year ('92, '93, '96, '97 (co), '98, '03 (co), '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10)
- 14 Big Ten Conference Championships ('92, '93, '96, '97, '98, '99, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10)
- 31 All-Americans earning 68 honors
- Has led Penn State to 30 consecutive NCAA Tournaments (one of two schools to do so)
- 2010 National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame inductee
- 2010 USAV Leader in Volleyball
- Eight straight Atlantic 10 titles

Nittany Lion Airtime

Can't follow your Nittany Lions 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 nine times between the Big Ten Network and ESPN. All other matches will be streamed live on GoPSUsports.com via All-Access or on BigTenNetwork.com. All schools will provide live scoring via the web, as well.

Nittany Lion Television Schedule

Date	Opponent	Air Time
Aug. 26	Oregon	BTN - live
Aug. 27	USC	BTN - live
Sept. 21	Nebraska	BTN - live
Oct. 1	Minnesota	BTN - live
Oct. 5	Northwestern	BTN - live
Oct. 8	Illinois	BTN - tape delay until Oct. 10
Oct. 22	Michigan	ESPN2 - tape delay until Oct. 23
Oct. 29	Nebraska	BTN - live
Nov. 4	Minnesota	BTN - live

Preseason Conference Poll and All-Big Ten Selections

The Big Ten head women's volleyball coaches voted Penn State as the preseason favorite for the seventh consecutive year. Penn State was one of nine schools with student-athletes selected to the Preseason All-Big Ten team and one of five schools with multiple student-athletes chosen.

2011 Preseason All-Big Ten

Name, School	Yr.	Pos.
*Michelle Bartsch, Illinois	Sr.	OH
*Colleen Ward, Illinois	Sr.	OH
*Alex Hunt, Michigan	Sr.	OH
Jenilee Rathje	Sr.	OH/MB
Tori Dixon, Minnesota	So.	MB
Ashley Wittman, Minnesota	So.	OH
Lauren Cook, Nebraska	Jr.	S
*Brooke Delano, Nebraska	Sr.	MB
Hannah Werth, Nebraska	Jr.	OH
Stephanie Holthus, NU	So.	OH
Kristin Carpenter, Penn State Jr.		S
*Deja McClendon, Penn State So.		OH
Katie Slay, Penn State So.		MH
Carly Cramer, Purdue	Jr.	DS
Tiffany Fisher, Purdue	Sr.	MB
Ariel Turner, Purdue	Jr.	OH
Alexis Mitchell, Wisconsin	Jr.	MB

* - unanimous selection

2011 Big Ten Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Penn State
2. Illinois
Nebraska
4. Purdue
5. Minnesota
6. Michigan State

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2011 Schedule and Results

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Set Scores	Site	Att.	Record	Time
Aug. 26	Oregon	L	3-1	25-16, 21-25, 20-25, 22-25	University Park, Pa.	3,710	0-1	2:04
Aug. 27	No. 2 USC	W	3-2	21-25, 21-25, 25-20, 25-22, 15-8	University Park, Pa.	6,165	1-1	2:29
Sept. 2	Miami (Ohio)	W	3-0	25-20, 25-18, 25-21	Pittsburgh, Pa.	----	2-1	1:36
Sept. 2	Pittsburgh	W	3-0	25-13, 25-12, 25-18	Pittsburgh, Pa.	2,138	3-1	1:24
Sept. 3	New Hampshire	W	3-0	25-14, 25-11, 25-11	Pittsburgh, Pa.	----	4-1	1:08
Sept. 9	No. 3 Stanford	L	3-1	25-23, 19-25, 25-27, 18-25	Palo Alto, Calif.	3,021	4-2	2:07
Sept. 10	No. 10 Texas	L	3-2	23-25, 20-25, 25-19, 25-14, 10-15	Palo Alto, Calif.	2,188	4-3	2:20
Sept. 16	Long Island	W	3-0	29-27, 25-8, 25-13	University Park, Pa.	2,413	5-3	1:16
Sept. 17	Rutgers	W	3-0	25-12, 25-17, 25-14	University Park, Pa.	----	6-3	1:04
Sept. 17	Florida Gulf Coast	W	3-1	20-25, 25-11, 25-17, 25-11	University Park, Pa.	3,114	7-3	1:38
Sept. 21	No. 10 Nebraska	L	3-2	18-25, 16-25, 25-23, 25-19, 10-15	Lincoln, Neb.	4,186	7-4	2:30
Sept. 24	Iowa	W	3-0	25-23, 25-23, 25-14	Iowa City, Iowa	2,133	8-4	1:35
Sept. 30	Wisconsin	W	3-0	25-18, 25-20, 25-22	University Park, Pa.	3,327	9-4	1:28
Oct. 1	No. 10 Minnesota	W	3-0	25-15, 26-24, 25-15	University Park, Pa.	3,311	10-4	1:29
Oct. 5	Northwestern	W	3-2	19-25, 25-22, 18-25, 25-13, 11-15	University Park, Pa.	1,447	11-4	2:18
Oct. 8	No. 1 Illinois	L	3-2	25-21, 21-25, 25-23, 21-25, 12-15	University Park, Pa.	5,211	11-5	2:57
Oct. 14	No. 11 Purdue	W	3-1	32-30, 16-25, 25-19, 25-19	West Lafayette, Ind.	2,277	12-5	2:00
Oct. 15	Indiana	W	3-0	25-18, 25-16, 25-21	Bloomington, Ind.	1,133	13-5	1:25
Oct. 19	No. 23 Ohio State	W	3-0	28-26, 25-18, 25-15	University Park, Pa.	2,106	14-5	1:30
Oct. 22	No. 21 Michigan	W	3-0	25-22, 25-21, 25-23	University Park, Pa.	2,578	15-5	1:34
Oct. 28	Iowa	W	3-1	25-23, 18-25, 25-16, 25-20	University Park, Pa.	2,765	16-5	1:51
Oct. 29	No. 1 Nebraska	W	3-1	25-17, 25-15, 17-25, 25-17	University Park, Pa.	4,417	17-5	2:09
Nov. 4	No. 15 Minnesota	W	3-2	27-25, 25-17, 23-25, 23-25, 15-12	Minneapolis, Minn.	4,731	18-5	2:46
Nov. 6	Wisconsin	L	3-2	24-26, 19-25, 34-32, 25-14, 12-15	Madison, Wis.	4,391	18-6	2:37
Nov. 11	No. 7 Illinois	L	3-0	21-25, 23-25, 26-28	Champaign, Ill.	3,905	18-7	1:39
Nov. 12	Northwestern	W	3-0	25-19, 25-14, 25-17	Evanston, Ill.	1,750	19-7	1:21

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Individual Player Match-By-Match Highs

Date	Opponent	Kills	Attacks	Assists	Digs	Total Blocks
Aug. 26	Oregon	15 - McClendon	45 - Scott	32 - Carpenter	9 - Gonzalez	5 - Kabbes
Aug. 27	USC	25 - McClendon	53 - McClendon	45 - Hancock	20 - Carpenter	10 - Kabbes
Sept. 2	Miami (Ohio)	14 - McClendon	34 - McClendon	32 - Hancock	10 - Carpenter	3 - Martin 3 - Grant
Sept. 2	Pittsburgh	12 - Scott	29 - Scott	27 - Hancock	11 - Hancock 11 - Carpenter	2 - Slay
Sept. 3	New Hampshire	6 - Whitney 6 - McClendon	16 - McClendon	30 - Hancock	10 - Carpenter	6 - Slay
Sept. 9	Stanford	17 - McClendon	50 - McClendon	45 - Hancock	16 - Carpenter	3 - Grant
Sept. 10	Texas	25 - McClendon	50 - McClendon	52 - Hancock	23 - Carpenter	8 - Slay
Sept. 16	Long Island	9 - McClendon	19 - Scott	23 - Hancock	8 - McClendon	5 - Slay
Sept. 17	Rutgers	10 - McClendon	22 - Scott	33 - Hancock	10 - McClendon	4 - Slay
Sept. 17	Florida Gulf Coast	17 - Scott	31 - Scott	36 - Hancock	13 - Hancock	10 - Slay
Sept. 21	Nebraska	23 - Scott	55 - McClendon	53 - Hancock	16 - Longo	5 - Grant
Sept. 24	Iowa	18 - Scott	44 - Scott	37 - Hancock	17 - Longo	5 - Slay
Sept. 30	Wisconsin	12 - Scott	29 - McClendon	29 - Hancock	11 - Longo	5 - Slay
Oct. 1	Minnesota	14 - Scott	38 - Scott	29 - Hancock	10 - Martin	7 - Slay
Oct. 5	Northwestern	16 - McClendon	49 - Scott	43 - Hancock	18 - Longo	6 - Slay
Oct. 8	Illinois	27 - Scott	74 - Scott	45 - Hancock	24 - Longo	7 - Slay
Oct. 14	Purdue	14 - McClendon	39 - Scott	44 - Hancock	19 - Longo	4 - Slay
Oct. 15	Indiana	13 - McClendon	24 - Scott	31 - Hancock	11 - Longo	5 - Slay
Oct. 19	Ohio State	9 - Grant 9 - Slay	20 - Scott	32 - Hancock	9 - Longo	8 - Slay
Oct. 22	Michigan	11 - Scott	27 - Scott	33 - Hancock	12 - Longo	3 - Grant 3 - Slay
Oct. 28	Iowa	20 - Scott	50 - Scott	47 - Hancock	18 - Longo	6 - Slay
Oct. 29	Nebraska	18 - McClendon	47 - McClendon	35 - Hancock	17 - Longo	8 - Slay
Nov. 4	Minnesota	26 - Scott	56 - McClendon	58 - Hancock	18 - Longo	9 - Grant
Nov. 6	Wisconsin	23 - Scott	57 - Scott	60 - Hancock	17 - Longo	6 - Grant 6 - Slay
Nov. 11	Illinois	17 - McClendon	40 - McClendon	35 - Hancock	17 - Longo	3 - Scott
Nov. 12	Northwestern	20 - McClendon	41 - McClendon	42 - Hancock	12 - Longo	6 - Slay
Totals (including ties)		14 - McClendon 11 - Scott 1 - Whitney 1 - Grant 1 - Slay	15 - Scott 11 - McClendon	25 - Hancock 1 - Carpenter	15 - Longo 6 - Carpenter 2 - McClendon 2 - Hancock 1 - Gonzalez 1 - Martin	19 - Slay 6 - Grant 2 - Kabbes 1 - Martin 1 - Scott

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Team Match-By-Match State Comparison

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Sets</u>	<u>Kills</u>	<u>Hitting %</u>	<u>Aces</u>	<u>Digs</u>	<u>Total Team Blocks</u>	<u>Total Points Scored*</u>
Aug. 26	Oregon	4	48/62	.308/.277	5/4	43/53	8.5/5.5	61.5/71.5
Aug. 27	USC	5	65/64	.298/.265	8/4	58/60	18.5/6.0	91.5/74.0
Sept. 2	Miami (Ohio)	3	40/29	.250/.153	5/3	32/27	6.0/6.5	51.0/38.5
Sept. 2	Pittsburgh	3	38/26	.348/.090	6/3	39/34	6.0/4.0	50.0/33.0
Sept. 3	New Hampshire	3	38/20	.397/.037	9/1	37/27	8.0/1.5	55.0/22.5
Sept. 9	Stanford	4	57/50	.142/.224	5/1	63/65	5.5/15.0	67.5/66.0
Sept. 10	Texas	5	61/50	.217/.152	10/9	69/62	13.5/13.0	84.5/72.0
Sept. 16	Long Island	3	38/22	.308/-.067	6/3	33/24	10.0/6.0	54.0/31.0
Sept. 17	Rutgers	3	45/22	.419/.048	4/2	35/25	8.0/2.0	57.0/26.0
Sept. 17	Florida Gulf Coast	4	54/32	.315/.094	11/3	45/34	14.0/10.0	79.0/45.0
Sept. 21	Nebraska	5	56/62	.182/.229	3/3	60/66	9.0/11.0	68.0/76.0
Sept. 24	Iowa	3	45/37	.234/.158	5/2	50/56	6.0/1.0	56.0/40.0
Sept. 30	Wisconsin	3	39/32	.202/.105	10/4	34/42	11.5/7.5	60.5/43.5
Oct. 1	Minnesota	3	40/37	.344/.143	5/0	41/41	14.5/4.0	59.5/41.0
Oct. 5	Northwestern	5	59/52	.229/.180	4/10	74/61	11.0/9.0	74.0/71.0
Oct. 8	Illinois	5	68/55	.134/.184	9/8	99/93	12.5/17.0	89.5/80.0
Oct. 14	Purdue	4	59/57	.250/.250	10/3	65/64	7.5/8/0	76.5/68.0
Oct. 15	Indiana	3	37/27	.221/.023	4/2	32/26	10.0/9.0	51.0/38.0
Oct. 19	Ohio State	3	45/37	.389/.225	3/1	29/31	10.0/5.5	58.0/43.5
Oct. 22	Michigan	3	45/42	.330/.237	6/3	42/41	6.0/6.0	57.0/51.0
Oct. 28	Iowa	4	58/50	.242/.191	9/5	81/78	11.0/6.0	78.0/61.0
Oct. 29	Nebraska	4	49/42	.194/.116	9/1	64/56	14.0/8.0	71.0/52.0
Nov. 4	Minnesota	5	72/69	.335/.246	7/8	68/83	17.5/0.0	96.5/77.0
Nov. 6	Wisconsin	5	77/59	.212/.173	4/2	79/86	15.0/14.0	96.0/75.0
Nov. 11	Illinois	3	45/42	.248/.340	9/6	45/50	5.0/3.0	59.0/51.0
Nov. 12	Northwestern	3	47/29	.346/.126	3/1	49/42	12.0/5.0	62.0/35.0

* indicates total points scored by a team (kills, aces, blocks), not the cumulative total game scores, which also take into account opponent errors

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2011 Penn State Superlatives

Three sets	Individual	Team
Kills:	20 - Deja McClendon at Northwestern (11/12)	47 - at Northwestern (11/12)
Attacks:	44 - Ariel Scott at Iowa (9/24)	124 - at Iowa (9/24)
Attack Percentage*:	.818 (9-0-11) - Nia Grant vs. Ohio State (10/19)	.419 (45-9-86) - vs. Rutgers (9/17)
Assists:	42 - Micha Hancock at Northwestern (11/12)	46 - at Northwestern (11/12)
Aces:	6 - Micha Hancock vs. New Hampshire (9/3)	10 - vs. Wisconsin (9/30)
Digs:	17 - 2x, last, Ali Longo at Illinois (11/11)	50 - at Iowa (9/24)
Solo Blocks:	2 - 3x, last, Katie Slay at Northwestern (11/12)	6 - vs. Wisconsin (9/30)
Block Assists:	8 - Katie Slay vs. Ohio State (10/19)	25 - vs. Minnesota (10/1)
Total Blocks:	7 - Katie Slay vs. Ohio State (10/19)	14.5 - vs. Minnesota (10/1)

Four sets	Individual	Team
Kills:	20 - Ariel Scott vs. Iowa (10/28)	59 - at Purdue (10/14)
Attacks:	50 - 2x, last, A. Scott vs. Iowa (10/28)	169 - at Stanford (9/9)
Attack Percentage*:	.571 (9-1-14) Katie Slay vs. FGCU (9/17)	.315 (54-19-111) - vs. FGCU (9/17)
Assists:	47 - Micha Hancock vs. Iowa (10/28)	56 - 2x, last vs. Iowa (10/28)
Aces:	6 - Micha Hancock vs. Nebraska (10/29)	11 - vs. FGCU (9/17)
Digs:	19 - Ali Longo at Purdue (10/14)	81 - vs. Iowa (10/28)
Solo Blocks:	3 - Nia Grant vs. Iowa (10/28)	3 - 2x, last vs. Nebraska (10/29)
Block Assists:	9 - Katie Slay vs. FGCU (9/17)	24 - vs. FGCU (9/17)
Total Blocks:	10 - Katie Slay vs. FGCU (9/17)	14.0 - 2x, last vs. Nebraska (10/29)

Five sets	Individual	Team
Kills:	27 - Ariel Scott vs. Illinois (10/5)	77 - at Wisconsin (11/6)
Attacks:	74 - Ariel Scott vs. Illinois (10/5)	216 - vs. Illinois (10/8)
Attack Percentage*:	.647 (11-0-17) - Nia Grant vs. USC (8/27)	.335 (72-13-176) - at Minnesota (11/4)
Assists:	60 - Micha Hancock at Wisconsin (11/6)	71 - at Wisconsin (11/6)
Aces:	7 - Micha Hancock vs. Illinois (10/8)	10 - vs. Texas (9/10)
Digs:	24 - Ali Longo vs. Illinois (10/8)	99 - vs. Illinois (10/8)
Solo Blocks:	3 - Deja McClendon at Wisconsin (11/6)	5 - at Wisconsin (11/6)
Block Assists:	8 - 5x, last, A. Scott & N. Grant at Minnesota (11/4)	31 - vs. USC (8/27)
Total Blocks:	10 - Katie Kabbes vs. USC (8/27)	18.5 - vs. USC (8/27)

2011 Opponent Superlatives

Three sets	Individual	Team
Kills:	14 - Ashley Wittman, Minnesota (10/1)	42 - 2x, last, Illinois (11/11)
Attacks:	41 - Ashley Wittman, Minnesota (10/1)	114 - 2x, last, Michigan (10/22)
Attack Percentage*:	.643 (9-0-14) - Erin Johnson, Illinois (11/11)	.340 (42-8-100) - Illinois (11/11)
Assists:	36 - Lexi Dannemiller, Michigan (10/22)	40 - Michigan (10/22)
Aces:	3 - 2x, last, Annie Luhrsen, Illinois (11/11)	6 - Illinois (11/11)
Digs:	16 - Bethany Yeager, Iowa (9/24)	56 - Iowa (9/24)
Solo Blocks:	1 - 8x, last, Kathryn Chrystal, Northwestern (11/12)	2 - 2x, last, Minnesota (10/1)
Block Assists:	6 - Caitlin Cox, Indiana (10/15)	16 - Indiana (10/15)
Total Blocks:	6 - Caitlin Cox, Indiana (10/15)	9.0 - Indiana (10/15)

Four sets	Individual	Team
Kills:	22 - Rachel Williams, Stanford (9/9)	62 - Oregon (8/26)
Attacks:	58 - Ariel Turner, Purdue (10/14)	162 - Iowa (10/28)
Attack Percentage*:	.615 (8-0-13) - Nikki Dailey, Iowa (10/28)	.277 (62-23-141) - Oregon (8/26)
Assists:	48 - Lauren Plum, Oregon (8/26)	57 - Oregon (8/26)
Aces:	2 - Nikki Dailey, Iowa (10/28)	5 - Iowa (10/28)
Digs:	22 - Bethany Yeager, Iowa (10/28)	78 - Iowa (10/28)
Solo Blocks:	2 - 3x, last, Katilin Holm, FGCU (9/17)	5 - Stanford (9/9)
Block Assists:	6 - Kierra Jones, Purdue (10/14)	20 - Stanford (9/9)
Total Blocks:	7 - Carly Wopat, Stanford (9/9)	15.0 - Stanford (9/9)

Five sets	Individual	Team
Kills:	31 - Ashley Wittman, Minnesota (11/4)	69 - Minnesota (11/4)
Attacks:	68 - Colleen Ward, Illinois (10/8)	185 - Illinois (10/8)
Attack Percentage*:	.538 (8-1-13) - Madelyn Hutson, Texas (9/10)	.265 (64-23-155) - USC (8/27)
Assists:	61 - Kellie McNeil, Minnesota (11/4)	67 - Minnesota (11/4)
Aces:	5 - Katie Dutchman, Northwestern (10/5)	10 - Northwestern (10/5)
Digs:	25 - 2x, last, A. Hickey, Wisconsin (11/6)	93 - Illinois (10/8)
Solo Blocks:	3 - Janelle Gabrielsen, Wisconsin (11/6)	6 - at Wisconsin (11/6)
Block Assists:	13 - Anna Dorn, Illinois (10/8)	34 - Illinois (10/8)
Total Blocks:	13 - Anna Dorn, Illinois (10/8)	17.0 - Illinois (10/8)

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BIG



Ariel
SCOTT

Sophomore
Ridgewood, N.J.

MIDDLE HITTER



Katie
KABBES

Senior
Raleigh, N.C.

OUTSIDE HITTER

Hampton Inn Classic All-Tournament Team ... tallied a career-high 14 kills against Oregon (8/26) in season-opener ... had a team-high 12 kills vs. Pitt (9/2) ... totaled 13 kills at the Big Four Classic (9/9-10) ... totaled 34 kills on .319 hitting in the Hampton Inn Classic (9/16-17) ... totaled 23 kills on .360 hitting against Nebraska (9/21) ... had a match-high 18 kills at Iowa (9/24) ... had a match-high 12 kills vs. Wisconsin (9/30) ... posted a team-best 14 kills with a career-best six blocks against Minnesota (10/1) ... had a career-high 27 kills vs. Illinois (10/8) ... second on the team with 12 kills at Indiana (10/15) ... led the team with 11 kills vs. Michigan (10/22) ... led the team with 20 kills vs. Iowa (10/28) ... led the team with 26 kills and a career-high eight blocks at Minnesota (11/4) ... had a match-high 23 kills at Wisconsin (11/6).

Had a team-best five blocks vs. Oregon (8/26) ... put up a career-high 10 blocks vs. USC (8/27) ... had six kills vs. New Hampshire (9/3) ... had five kills in eight errorless swings and three blocks vs. Minnesota (10/1).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... 27 vs. Illinois (10/8)
 Attacks: 74 vs. Illinois (10/8)
 Hitting Percentage:419 (17-4-31) vs. FGCU (9/17)
 Assists: 2, 3x, last vs. Illinois (10/8)
 Aces: 2 at Illinois (11/11)
 Digs: 13 vs. Northwestern (10/5)
 Blocks: 8 at Minnesota (11/4)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 27 vs. Illinois (10/8/11)
 Attacks: 74 vs. Illinois (10/8/11)
 Hitting Percentage:533 (9-1-15) vs. Indiana (10/29/10)
 Assists: 2, 3x, last vs. Illinois (10/8/11)
 Aces: 2 at Illinois (11/11/11)
 Digs: 13 vs. Northwestern (10/5/11)
 Blocks: 8 at Minnesota (11/4/11)

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... 5 vs. USC (8/27)
 Attacks: 19 vs. USC (8/27)
 Hitting Percentage:625 (5-0-8) vs. Minnesota (10/1)
 Assists: 2 vs. USC (8/27)
 Aces: N/A
 Digs: 2, 3x, last at Illinois (11/11)
 Blocks: 10 vs. USC (8/27)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 13 vs. Virginia Commonwealth (9/4/10)
 Attacks: 29 at Purdue (10/8/10)
 Hitting Percentage: ...692 (9-0-13) vs. George Washington (9/17/10)
 Assists: 3 vs. Saint Francis (9/19/09)
 Aces: 1 vs. Robert Morris (9/9/09)
 Digs: 6 vs. Princeton (9/18/10)
 Blocks: 10 vs. USC (8/27/11)



Dominique
GONZALEZ
Freshman
San Antonio, Texas
DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST



Kristin
CARPENTER
Junior
Mechanicsville, Va.
DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST

Led the team with nine digs vs. Oregon (8/26) in collegiate debut ... started and tallied 14 digs vs. Illinois (10/8) ... started and tallied seven digs at Purdue (10/14) ... posted six digs at Indiana (10/15) ... had eight digs vs. Michigan (10/22) ... posted 11 digs vs. Nebraska (10/29) ... tallied seven digs at Minnesota (11/4) ... recorded eight digs at Wisconsin (11/6) ... tied for second on the team with 10 digs at Northwestern (11/12).

Preseason All-Big Ten ... Pittsburgh Invitational All-Tournament Team ... was the starting setter in season opener against Oregon (8/26) and had 32 assists ... was the starting libero vs. USC and had a 20 digs ... led the team with 31 digs at Pitt Invitational (9/2-3) ... posted 16 digs vs. Stanford (9/9) ... had a career-high 23 digs vs. Texas (9/10) ... was second on the team with six digs vs. Wisconsin (9/30) ... had nine digs vs. Nebraska (10/29).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:.....N/A
Attacks: 1, 2x, last vs. Michigan (10/22)
Hitting Percentage:N/A
Assists: 3 at Purdue (10/14)
Aces: 1, 3x, last vs. Illinois (10/8)
Digs: 14 vs. Illinois (10/8)
Blocks:N/A

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:.....N/A
Attacks: 1, 2x, last vs. Michigan (10/22/11)
Hitting Percentage:N/A
Assists: 3 at Purdue (10/14/11)
Aces: 1, 3x, last vs. Illinois (10/8/11)
Digs: 14 vs. Illinois (10/8/11)
Blocks:N/A

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... 1 at Purdue (10/14)
Attacks:3, 2x, last at Wisconsin (11/6)
Hitting Percentage:N/A
Assists: 32 vs. Oregon (8/26)
Aces: 2, 3x, last vs. Nebraska (10/29)
Digs: 23 vs. Texas (9/10)
Blocks: 2 vs. Oregon (8/26)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 4, 4x, last vs. Dule (12/11/10)
Attacks: 13 vs. Duke (12/11/10)
Hitting Percentage: 1.000 (3-0-3), 3x, last vs. Iowa (10/16/10)
Assists: 70 at Minnesota (11/27/10)
Aces: 2, 5x, last vs. Nebraska (10/29/11)
Digs: 23 vs. Texas (9/10/11)
Blocks: 4 at North Carolina (8/27/10)

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BIG



**Maddie
MARTIN**
Sophomore
Tampa, Fla.
OUTSIDE HITTER

Recorded a career-high eight kills vs. Miami (Ohio) (8/26) ... put down a career-best 12 kills and a personal-best nine digs vs. Stanford (9/9) ... pounded seven kills on .545 hitting with three blocks vs. FGCU (9/17) ... had a career-high 10 digs vs. Minnesota (10/1) ... put down eight kills at Purdue (10/14) ... had 10 kills, 14 digs and four blocks vs. Iowa (10/28).



**Nia
GRANT**
Freshman
Warren, Ohio
OUTSIDE HITTER

Had 11 kills in 17 errorless swings and was second on the team with eight blocks in collegiate debut vs. USC (8/27) ... led the team with three blocks vs. Miami (Ohio) (9/2) ... had four blocks vs. Long Island (9/16) ... put up five blocks at Nebraska (9/21) ... combined for nine total blocks in matches vs. Wisconsin (9/30) and Minnesota (10/1) ... had 10 kills and four blocks vs. Illinois (10/8) ... second on the team with 10 kills at Purdue (10/14) ... tied for first on the team with five blocks at Indiana (10/15) ... posted nine kills in 11 errorless swings vs. Ohio State (10/19) ... had eight kills on .455 hitting vs. Michigan (10/22) ... was second on the team with five blocks, including three solo vs. Iowa (10/28) ... had five blocks vs. Nebraska (10/29) ... had six kills and a personal-best nine blocks at Minnesota (11/4) ... tallied nine kills and tied for first on the team with six blocks at Wisconsin (11/6).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills: 12 at Stanford (9/9)
Attacks: 44 at Stanford (9/9)
Hitting Percentage:545 (7-1-11) vs. FGCU (9/17)
Assists: 2, 4x, last vs. Michigan (10/22)
Aces:2 vs. Iowa (10/28)
Digs: 14 vs. Iowa (10/28)
Blocks: 4 vs. Iowa (10/28)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 12 at Stanford (9/9/11)
Attacks: 44 at Stanford (9/9/11)
Hitting Percentage:600 (6-0-10) at Indiana (10/9/10)
Assists: 2, 4x, vs. Michigan (10/22/11)
Aces: 2 vs. Iowa (10/28/11)
Digs: 14 vs. Iowa (10/28/11)
Blocks: 4 vs. Iowa (10/28/11)

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills: 11 vs. USC (8/27)
Attacks: 18, 2x, last at Wisconsin (11/6)
Hitting Percentage:818 (9-0-11) vs. Ohio State (10/19)
Assists: 2 vs. Texas (9/10)
Aces:2, 4x, last at Wisconsin (11/6)
Digs: 5, 2x, last vs. Illinois (10/8)
Blocks: 9 at Minnesota (11/4)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 11 vs. USC (8/27/11)
Attacks: 18, 2x, last at Wisconsin (11/6/11)
Hitting Percentage:647 (11-0-17) vs. USC (8/27/11)
Assists: 2 vs. Texas (9/10/11)
Aces: 2, 4x, last at Wisconsin (11/6/11)
Digs: 5, 2x, last vs. Illinois (10/8/11)
Blocks: 9 at Minnesota (11/4/11)



Made collegiate debut vs. Rutgers (9/17) and tallied one kill.

Had three kills and three blocks vs. New Hampshire (9/3).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:.....1 vs. Rutgers (9/17)
 Attacks: 4 at Iowa (9/24)
 Hitting Percentage: N/A
 Assists: N/A
 Aces: N/A
 Digs: N/A
 Blocks: N/A

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 1 vs. Rutgers (9/17/11)
 Attacks: 4 at Iowa (9/24/11)
 Hitting Percentage: N/A
 Assists: N/A
 Aces: N/A
 Digs: N/A
 Blocks: N/A

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:.....3 vs. New Hampshire (9/3)
 Attacks:5 vs. New Hampshire (9/3)
 Hitting Percentage:600 (3-0-5) vs. New Hampshire (9/3)
 Assists: N/A
 Aces: N/A
 Digs:2 vs. New Hampshire (9/3)
 Blocks:3 vs. New Hampshire (9/3)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 3 vs. New Hampshire (9/3/11)
 Attacks: 5 vs. New Hampshire (9/3/11)
 Hitting Percentage:600 (3-0-5) vs. New Hampshire (9/3/11)
 Assists: 3, 2x, last vs. Princeton (9/18/10)
 Aces: 1, 5x, last vs. Pennsylvania (12/4/09)
 Digs:3 vs. Campbell (8/28/10)
 Blocks: 3 vs. New Hampshire (9/3/11)

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Darcy DORTON
 Redshirt-Sophomore
 Muncie, Ind.
OUTSIDE HITTER



Micha HANCOCK
 Freshman
 Edmond, Okla.
SETTER

Returned to the court for the first time since 2009 against Oregon (8/26) ... had three kills in three attempts vs. New Hampshire (9/3) ... put down three kills vs. Rutgers (9/17) ... totaled five kills at Iowa (9/24).

AVCA Showcase All-Tournament Team ... Pittsburgh Invitational MVP ... had seven kills in eight errorless swings, a match-high six aces and guided Penn State to a .298 hitting percentage vs. USC (8/27) ... had 27 assists and tied for first on the team with 11 digs vs. Pitt (9/2) ... had 30 assists and a team-best six aces vs. New Hampshire (9/3) ... totaled 97 assists and was second on the team with 23 digs at Big Four Classic (9/9-10) ... tallied 92 assists (9/20 assists per set), seven aces and a team-high 28 digs in the Hampton Inn Classic (9/16-17) ... totaled 53 assists and 12 digs against Nebraska (9/21) ... had 37 assists and seven digs at Iowa (9/24) ... paced the offense with 29 assists and had four kills in five attempts vs. Minnesota (10/1) ... had 45 assists, a career-high seven aces and 19 digs vs. Illinois (10/8) ... had 44 assists, four kills and four aces at Purdue (10/14) ... had 31 assists and three blocks at Indiana (10/15) ... tallied 33 assists and three aces vs. Michigan (10/22) ... dished out 47 assists, had four aces and 16 digs vs. Iowa (10/28) ... had 35 assists and six aces vs. Nebraska (10/29) ... had 58 assists and led the team with 18 digs at Minnesota (11/4) ... dished out 60 assists and had 13 digs at Wisconsin (11/6) ... had 35 assists and three aces at Illinois (11/11) ... had 42 assists and two aces at Northwestern (11/12).

2011 SEASON HIGHS
 Kills:.....5, 2x, last vs. Northwestern (10/5)
 Attacks: 14 at Iowa (9/24)
 Hitting Percentage: 1.000 (3-0-3) vs. New Hampshire (9/3)
 Assists: N/A
 Aces: N/A
 Digs:2, 2x, last at Iowa (9/24)
 Blocks: 1 vs. Northwestern (10/5)

CAREER HIGHS
 Kills:..... 15 vs. Miami (Ohio) (8/28/09)
 Attacks: 31 vs. Texas (12-19-09)
 Hitting Percentage:643 (9-0-14) at Florida (12/11/09)
 Assists: 1, 3x, last vs. Texas (12/19/09)
 Aces: N/A
 Digs: 8 vs. Robert Morris (9/5/09)
 Blocks: 5, 2x, last at Indiana (11/21/09)

2011 SEASON HIGHS
 Kills:.....7, 3x, last at Wisconsin (11/6)
 Attacks: 15 vs. Illinois (10/8)
 Hitting Percentage:875 (7-0-8) vs. USC (8/27)
 Assists: 60 at Wisconsin (11/6)
 Aces: 7 vs. Illinois (10/8)
 Digs: 19 vs. Illinois (10/8)
 Blocks: 5 vs. Texas (9/10)

CAREER HIGHS
 Kills:..... 7, 3x, last at Wisconsin (11/6/11)
 Attacks: 15 vs. Illinois (10/8/11)
 Hitting Percentage:875 (7-0-8) vs. USC (8/27/11)
 Assists: 60 at Wisconsin (11/6/11)
 Aces: 7 vs. Illinois (10/8/11)
 Digs: 19 vs. Illinois (10/8/11)
 Blocks: 5 vs. Texas (9/10/11)

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Megan SHIFFLETT
Senior
Falls Church, Va.
DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST

Made 2011 debut vs. Oregon (8/26) ... had seven digs at Stanford (9/9) ... had a career-high eight digs and two aces vs. Texas (9/10) ... posted a dig vs. Michigan (10/22).



Aiyana WHITNEY
Freshman
Norwood, N.J.
OUTSIDE HITTER

Made collegiate debut against New Hampshire (9/3) and had six kills and two blocks ... put down 15 kills vs. Texas (9/10) ... pounded six kills vs. Long Island (9/16) ... had seven kills and three blocks vs. Rutgers (9/17) ... had nine kills on .353 hitting against Nebraska (9/21) ... pounded nine kills and had three blocks at Minnesota (11/4) ... totaled six kills at Illinois (11/11).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... N/A
Attacks: N/A
Hitting Percentage: N/A
Assists: 1 at Stanford (9/9)
Aces: 2 vs. Texas (9/10)
Digs: 8 vs. Texas (9/10)
Blocks: N/A

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... N/A
Attacks: 1 vs. Stanford (9/11/10)
Hitting Percentage: N/A
Assists: 1, 6x, last at Stanford (9/9/11)
Aces: 2, 2x, last vs. Texas (9/10/11)
Digs: 8 vs. Texas (9/10/11)
Blocks: N/A

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... 15 vs. Texas (9/10)
Attacks: 30 vs. Texas (9/10)
Hitting Percentage:500 (6-1-10) vs. Long Island (9/16)
Assists: N/A
Aces: N/A
Digs: 5 at Wisconsin (11/6)
Blocks: 4 vs. Nebraska (10/29)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 15 vs. Texas (9/10/11)
Attacks: 30 vs. Texas (9/10/11)
Hitting Percentage:500 (6-1-10) vs. Long Island (9/16/11)
Assists: N/A
Aces: N/A
Digs: 5 at Wisconsin (11/6/11)
Blocks: 4 vs. Nebraska (10/29/11)

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Maggie
HARDING
Redshirt-Freshman
State College, Pa.
DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST

Made collegiate debut against New Hampshire (9/3).



Katie
SLAY
Sophomore
Raleigh, N.C.
MIDDLE HITTER

Preseason All-Big Ten ... Hampton Inn Classic MVP ... Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week (9/19, 10/3) ... had 11 kills vs. Oregon (8/26) ... pounded a career-high 12 kills vs. USC (8/27) ... had five kills and six blocks vs. New Hampshire (9/3) ... tallied 11 kills at Stanford (9/9) ... posted seven kills and had eight blocks vs. Texas (9/10) ... had 27 kills on .561 hitting and 19 blocks in the Hampton Inn Classic (9/16-17) ... had six kills and four blocks against Nebraska (9/21) ... led the team with five blocks at Iowa (9/24) ... totaled 12 blocks in matches vs. Wisconsin (9/30) and Minnesota (10/1) ... had 10 kills and a team-best seven blocks vs. Illinois (10/8) ... led the team with four blocks at Purdue (10/14) ... tied for first on the team with five blocks at Indiana (10/15) ... had nine kills in sixteen errorless swings vs. Michigan (10/22) ... had 10 kills and a team-best six blocks vs. Iowa (10/28) ... had a team-best eight blocks vs. Nebraska (10/29) ... posted seven blocks at Minnesota (11/4) ... had 16 kills and six blocks at Wisconsin (11/6) ... had six kills and six blocks at Northwestern (11/12).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... N/A
Attacks: N/A
Hitting Percentage: N/A
Assists: N/A
Aces: N/A
Digs: N/A
Blocks: N/A

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... N/A
Attacks: N/A
Hitting Percentage: N/A
Assists: N/A
Aces: N/A
Digs: N/A
Blocks: N/A

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... 16 at Wisconsin (11/6)
Attacks: 28 at Wisconsin (11/6)
Hitting Percentage:769 (10-0-13) vs. Rutgers (9/17)
Assists: 3 vs. Long Island (9/16)
Aces: 1 vs. Oregon (8/26)
Digs: 6 vs. Oregon (8/26)
Blocks: 10 vs. FGCU (9/17)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 16 at Wisconsin (11/6/11)
Attacks: 28 at Wisconsin (11/6/11)
Hitting Percentage:769 (10-0-13) vs. Rutgers (9/17/11)
Assists: 3 vs. Long Island (9/16/11)
Aces: 1 vs. Oregon (8/26/11)
Digs: 6 vs. Oregon (8/26/11)
Blocks: 10, 2x, last vs. FGCU (9/17/11)

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Deja
MCCLENDON
Sophomore
Louisville, Ky.
OUTSIDE HITTER



Ali
LONGO
Sophomore
Littleton, Colo.
DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST

Unanimous Preseason All-Big Ten ... AVCA Showcase All-Tournament Team ... Pittsburgh Invitational All-Tournament Team ... Nike Big Four Volleyball Classic All-Tournament Team ... led the team with 15 kills and was second on the team with four blocks vs. Oregon (8/26) ... tallied a career-high 25 kills vs. USC (8/27) ... led the team with 30 kills in the Pitt Invitational (9/2-3) ... had a team-high 42 kills at Big Four Classic (9/9-10) ... totaled 25 kills and was third on the team with 26 digs in the Hampton Inn Classic (9/16-17) ... had 16 kills at Nebraska (9/21) ... second on the team with 10 kills at Iowa (9/24) ... tied for second on the team with eight kills and had three aces vs. Wisconsin (9/30) ... had a team-high 14 kills at Purdue (10/14) ... led the team with 13 kills at Indiana (10/15) ... second on the team with 10 kills vs. Michigan (10/22) ... led the team with 18 kills vs. Nebraska (10/29) ... tallied 23 kills and 10 digs at Minnesota (11/4) ... posted 17 kills at five blocks at Wisconsin (11/6) ... totaled 17 kills on .350 hitting at Illinois (11/11) ... led the team with 20 kills on .439 hitting and 10 digs at Northwestern (11/12).

Hampton Inn Classic All-Tournament Team ... recorded nine digs vs. USC (8/27) ... tallied three aces vs. Miami (Ohio) (9/2) ... second on the team with 27 digs in the Hampton Inn Classic (9/16-17) ... led team with 16 digs against Nebraska (9/21) ... posted 17 digs at Iowa (9/24) ... had a team-high 11 digs vs. Wisconsin (9/30) ... had a career-high 24 digs vs. Illinois (10/8) ... had a team-high 19 digs at Purdue (10/14) ... led the team with 11 digs at Indiana (10/15) ... had a team-best 12 digs vs. Michigan (10/22) ... posted 18 digs vs. Iowa ... had 17 digs vs. Nebraska (10/29) ... had 13 digs at Minnesota (11/4) ... had a team-high 17 digs at Wisconsin (11/6) ... totaled 17 digs at Illinois (11/11) ... had a team-best 12 digs at Northwestern (11/12).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... 25, 2x, last vs. Texas (9/10)
Attacks: 56 at Minnesota (11/4)
Hitting Percentage:625 (10-0-16) at Pittsburgh (9/2)
Assists: 4, 2x, last vs. Iowa (10/28)
Aces:3 vs. Wisconsin (9/30)
Digs: 16 at Wisconsin (11/6)
Blocks: 5 at Wisconsin (11/6)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 25, 2x, last vs. Texas (9/10/11)
Attacks: 56 at Minnesota (11/4/11)
Hitting Percentage:733 (11-0-15) vs. Texas (12/16/10)
Assists: 4, 2x, last vs. Iowa (10/28/11)
Aces: 3 vs. Wisconsin (9/30/11)
Digs: 16, 2x, last at Wisconsin (11/6/11)
Blocks: 6 at North Carolina (8/27/10)

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:.....N/A
Attacks:2, 2x, last at Wisconsin (11/6)
Hitting Percentage:N/A
Assists: 7 vs. Illinois (10/8)
Aces: 3 vs. Miami (Ohio) (9/2)
Digs: 24 vs. Illinois (10/8)
Blocks:N/A

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:.....N/A
Attacks: 2, 3x, last at Wisconsin (11/6/11)
Hitting Percentage:N/A
Assists: 7 vs. Illinois (10/8/11)
Aces: 3, 3x, last vs. Miami (Ohio) (9/2/11)
Digs: 24 vs. Illinois (10/8/11)
Blocks:N/A



Made her collegiate debut vs. Oregon (8/26) ... second on the team with 13 digs vs. Texas (9/10) ... posted nine digs vs. Illinois (10/8) ... tallied five digs vs. Iowa (10/28).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... N/A
 Attacks: N/A
 Hitting Percentage: N/A
 Assists: 2 vs. Illinois (10/8)
 Aces: 2 vs. FGCU (9/17)
 Digs: 13 vs. Texas (9/10)
 Blocks: N/A

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... N/A
 Attacks: N/A
 Hitting Percentage: N/A
 Assists: 2 vs. Illinois (10/8/11)
 Aces: 1, 3x, last vs. Texas (9/10/11)
 Digs: 13 vs. Texas (9/10/11)
 Blocks: N/A