2011 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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No. 8 Penn State (10-4, 3-1 Big Ten)



Oct. 5 Penn State vs. Northwestern 8 p.m. ET Rec Hall

> Oct. 8 Penn State vs. Illinois 8 p.m. ET Rec Hall

Nittany Lion Preview

The four-time defending national champion Penn State women's volleyball team continues the Big Ten slate this week with a midweek matchup with Northwestern on Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. The Lions then host No. 1 Illinois on Saturday, Oct. 8 at 8 p.m. Wednesday's match has been declared a White Out and all fans are encourage to don white. Prior to Saturday's match with the Fighting Illini, the 2010 NCAA Championship banner will be raised to the Rec Hall rafters.

The Nittany Lions are now 10-4 overall defeating both Wisconsin and then No. 10 Minnesota last weekend at Rec Hall. Penn State swept both of their Big Ten opponents to improve to 3-1 in league play. Sophomore Ariel Scott (Ridgewood, N.J.) led the team with 26 kills, while her classmate Katie Slay (Raleigh, N.C.) totaled 17 kills with a team-high .714 attack percentage. Freshman Micha Hancock (Edmond, Okla.) dished out 58 assists and registered six aces. She was also one of four Nittany Lions to total double-digit digs with 13. Sophomore Ali Longo (Littleton, Colo.) led the team with 15 digs and Slay was a wall at the net with 12 total blocks.

For the week, Penn State hit .269 as a team and averaged 13.17 kills per set, 11.00 assists per set, 2.50 aces per set, 12.50 digs per set and 4.33 blocks per set.

Penn State vs. Northwestern

Penn State leads the series with the Wildcats, 40-8. The Nittany Lions have won 16 straight matches against Northwestern dating back to 2003. Northwestern's last win against Penn State came on Nov. 23, 2002 in a 3-1 victory in Evanston.

Scouting the Wildcats

The Wildcats are 10-5 overall in 2011 and are 1-3 in Big Ten action. Northwestern opened the season with five consecutive sweeps before losing back-to-back matches to Central Arkansas and Ole Miss. The Wildcats closed out the preseason with four wins in a row before falling to Wisconsin, Minnesota and Purdue to open conference play. Northwestern heads into Wednesday's match having most recently defeated Indiana, 3-0, on Oct. 1.

Penn State vs. Illinois

The Nittany Lions are 37-7 all-time versus the Fighting Illini. Last season, Penn State split its two matches suffering a 3-2 loss at Illinois' Huff Hall to open Big Ten play, but sweeping the Illini at home in Rec Hall later in the season. The Illini's win against Penn State was their first win against the Lions since Oct. 10, 2003.

Scouting the Fighting Illini

The top-ranked Illinois women's volleyball team is undefeated this season with a 15-0 overall record and a 4-0 record in the Big Ten. Despite opening conference play going five sets with Minnesota for the win, the Illini swept Wisconsin on Sept. 25 before defeating both Indiana and Purdue three sets to one.

2011 Schedule

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		W, 3-0
2 3	vs. New Hampshire	W, 3-0
	Nike Big Four Volleyball Classic	W, 3-0
9-10	at No. 3 Stanford	1 2 1
9	vs. No. 10 Texas	L, 3-1 L, 3-2
	7 Penn State Classic	L, 3-2
	vs. Long Island	W 2 0
10	vs. Long Island	W, 3-0 W, 3-0
17	vs. Rutgers vs. Florida Gulf Coast	W, 3-0 W, 3-1
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21	at No. 10 Nebraska*# at Iowa*	L, 3-2 W, 3-0
24	vs. Wisconsin*	W, 3-0 W, 3-0
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5	vs. Northwestern*#	8 p.m.
8	vs. No. 1 Illinois*#	8 p.m.
14	at Purdue*	7 p.m.
	at Indiana*	7 p.m.
	vs. Ohio State*	7 p.m.
	vs. Michigan*#	7 p.m.
	vs. Iowa*	7 p.m.
	vs. Nebraska*#	8 p.m.
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6	at Wisconsin*	2 p.m.
11	at Illinois"	7 p.m.
	at Northwestern*	8 p.m.
	vs. Indiana*	7 p.m.
	vs. Purdue*	7 p.m.
	at Ohio State*	7 p.m.
26	at Michigan State*	TBA
Dece	mber	

2	NCAA First Round	Campus Sites
3	NCAA Second Round	Campus Sites
9	NCAA Regional Semis	TBA
10	NCAA Regional Champions	hips 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:	
Enrollment:	
Colors:	Blue & White
Nickname:	Nittany Lions
Conference:	Big Ten
President:	Dr. Graham Spanier
Director of Athletics:	Tim Curley
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 Hohenshelt (6th season)
Dir. of VB Operations: Adam Hughes (2nd season)
Office Phone:
Office Fax:
Office Address:

Season in Review

2010 Record:	
Home: 20-0	Away: 8-5
Neutral: 4-1	
Big Ten record (finish):	
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:
All-Time Record (Years):
All-Time Big Ten Record:
Years/Win Pct.:
Big Ten Titles:(14) '92, '93, '96, '97, '98, '99, '03,
NCAA Tournament Appearances:
NCAA Tournament Record:73-25
NCAA National Championships:1999, 2007

2011 Penn State Roster

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Name	<u>Yr.</u>	Pos.	<u>Ht.</u>	Hometown/High School
Ariel Scott	So.	OH	6-4	Ridgewood, N.J./Immaculate Heart
Katie Kabbes	Sr.	OH	6-4	Raleigh, N.C./Cardinal Gibbons
Dominique Gonzalez	Fr.	DS	5-6	San Antonio, Texas/Sandra Day O'Connor
Kristin Carpenter	Jr.	S/DS	5-6	Mechanicsville, Va./Hanover
Maddie Martin	So.	OH	6-2	Tampa, Fla./H.B. Plant
Nia Grant	Fr.	OH	6-2	Warren, Ohio/Howland
Erica Denney	RS-Fr.	MH	6-3	Aurora, Colo./Grandview
Marika Racisbarskas	Jr.	S	6-0	Chatham, N.J./Chatham
Darcy Dorton	RS-So	. OH	6-2	Muncie, Ind./Delta
Micha Hancock	S	Fr.	5-11	Edmond, Okla./Edmond Memorial
Megan Shifflett	Sr.	DS/S	5-6	Falls Church, Va./Langley
Aiyana Whitney	Fr.	OH	6-4	Norwood, N.J./Northern Valley Regional
Maggie Harding	RS-Fr.	DS	5-6	State College, Pa./State College Area
Katie Slay	So.	MH	6-6	Raleigh, N.C./Wakefield
Deja McClendon	So.	OH	6-1	Louisville, Ky./DuPont Manuel Magnet
Ali Longo	So.	DS	5-6	Littleton, Colo./Chatfield
Lacey Fuller	Fr.	DS	5-6	San Diego, Calif./Torrey Pines

 Head Coach: Russ Rose (George Williams, 1975), 33rd year
Assistant Coaches: Dennis Hohenshelt (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

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Penn State Recap

The Nittany Lions improved to 10-4 overall and 3-1 in Big Ten play after sweepin both Wisconsin and then No. 10 Minnesota last weekend. Sophomore Ariel Scott led the team with 26 kills, while sophomore Katie Slay had 17 kills on a team-best .714 hitting percentage. Freshman Micha Hancock dished out 58 assists and a team-high six aces. Sophomore Ali Longo totaled 15 digs, while sophomore Maddie Martin had 14, Hancock had 13 and sophomore Deja McClendon posted 12. Slay led the team at the net with 12 total blocks and Scott wasn't far behind with 10 total.

What's Next?

The Nittany Lions continue conference play on the road on Oct. 14-15 when they visit Indiana and Purdue. Penn State returns home for a four-match home stand beginning with Ohio State on Wednesday, Oct. 19.

The Statistical Story

Here are last week's numbers for Penn State and its two opponents this week.

	Penn State	Northwestern	Illinois
Hitting %	.267	.205	.264
Kills per set	13.02	13.47	13.93
Assists per set	11.84	12.22	12.93
Aces per set	1.80	1.51	1.15
Digs per set	12.53	16.29	15.47
Blocks per set	2.73	2.58	2.47

2011 Big Ten Standings						
		Conf.		C	Dve	rall
Team	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Illinois	4	0	1.000	15	0	1.000
Nebraska	4	0	1.000	11	1	.917
Purdue	3	1	.750	14	1	.933
Penn State	3	1	.750	10	4	.714
Michigan	2	2	.500	14	2	.875
Michigan St.	2	2	.500	13	3	.812
Ohio State	2	2	.500	12	5	.706
Wisconsin	2	2	.500	10	6	.625
Northwestern	1	3	.250	10	5	.667
Minnesota	1	3	.250	8	5	.615
Iowa	0	4	.000	10	7	.588
Indiana	0	4	.000	8	8	.500

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

Big Ten Freshman of the Week

K. Jones, PUR
L. Dannemller, MICH
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T. Sherwin, OSU
M. Moster, MSU
L. Dannemiller, MICH

This Week in the Big Ten

<u>Oct. 5</u>

Northwestern at Penn State (7 pm)

<u>Oct. 7</u>

Illinois at Ohio State (6 pm) Indiana at Iowa (8 pm) Minnesota at Michigan (7 pm) Wisconsin at Michigan State (6 pm) Purdue at Nebraska (7 pm)

Oct. 8

Illinois at Penn State (6 pm) Indiana at Nebraska (4 pm) Purdue at Iowa (7 pm) Wisconsin at Michigan (6 pm) Minnesota at Michigan State (7 pm) Northwestern at Ohio State (5 pm)

Slay Picks Up Big Ten Weekly Award

Sophomore middle hitter Katie Slay picked up the second weekly honor of the season as the 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 matchhigh 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.

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. lowa.

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 14th nationally and second in the Big Ten with 1.86 aces per set. Freshman Micha Hancock leads the Big Ten and ranks second in the nation with 0.81 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' 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 Dittrich 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.

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Receiving Votes: Western Kentucky 53; Kentucky 26; Louisvill 14; Tulsa 14; Duke 10; Texas A&M 9; UC Davis 8; Arizona 7; LBSU 7; Kansas State 5; North Carolina 5; Missouri 4; UCSB 4; TCU 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 Next Poll: Oct. 10

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.

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.

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.

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. Evert senior class at Penn State since 1992 has claimed at least on 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.

Leading Lions

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

Career Milestones

Several Nittany Lions are nearing career milestones in 2011:

Kristin Carpenter

- Has 1,430 assists. Needs 570 to reach 2,000.
- Has 423 digs. Needs 77 to reach 500.

Darcy Dorton

• Has 287 kills. Needs 213 to reach 500.

Katie Kabbes

• Has 184 kills. Needs 16 to reach 200.

Deja McClendon

- Has 594 kills. Needs 406 to reach 1,000.
- Has 109 blocks. Needs 91 to reach 200.
- Has 321 digs. Needs 179 to reach 500.

Ariel Scott

Has 294 kills. Needs 206 to reach 500.

Katie Slay

- Has 163 kills. Needs 37 to reach 200.
- Has 153 blocks. Needs 47 to reach 200.

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 Oct. 3, 2011)

Category		<u>Rank (leader)</u>	. Conf. Only	Rank (leader)
Hitting Pct.	267	4th (MSU326)		4th (MSU302)
Katie Slay	413	2nd	367	4th
Ariel Scott	N/A	N/A	312	8th
Opp. Hitting Pct	154	5th (PUR113)	167	5th (PUR124)
		10th (OSU - 13.77)		
Micha Hancock	9.64	9th	. 10.57	4th
Kills Per Set	13.02	10th (OSU - 14.84)	. 12.86	7th (OSU - 14.20)
Ariel Scott	N/A	N/A	. 4.79	1st
Blocks Per Set	2.73	3rd (PUR - 2.79)	. 2.93	2nd (NU - 3.04)
Katie Slay	1.37	3rd	1.50	1st
Nia Grant	N/A	N/A	1.15	10th
Service Aces Per Se	t 1.80	2nd (MICH - 1.87)	. 1.64	1st (PSU - 1.64)
Micha Hancock	0.76	1st	. 0.64	2nd
Ali Longo	0.30	10th	. 0.43	5th
Deja McClendon	N/A	N/A	. 0.29	7th
Digs Per Set	12.53	11th (NU - 16.29)	13.21	9th (PUR - 17.29)

Penn State in the top 50 National Stats (as of Sept. 26, 2011)

Category	All Matches	Rank	Leader	<u>Stats</u>
Hitting Pct.		19th	Michigan St	
Katie Slay	413	8th	T. Sewel, Davidson	
Assists Per Set	11.84	N/A	N. Illinois	15.05
Kills Per Set	13.02	N/A	N. Illinois	15.15
Blocks Per Set	2.73	17th	Stanford	3.30
Katie Slay	1.37	21st	c. Wopat, Stanford	1.71
Service Aces Per Se	et1.80	12th	Belmont	2.12
Micha Hancock	0.76	2nd	J. Myer, Belmont	0.80
Digs Per Set	12.53	N/A	Duquesne	19.44

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.

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

<u>Ariel Scott</u> Hampton Inn Classic All-Tournament Team

<u>Ali Longo</u>

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 372-66 (.849) all-time during the month of October. Penn State has posted a 79-12 (.868) mark in October over the last 10 seasons, a record of 43-3 (.934) in the last five years and did not lose a match during the month from 2007 to 2010 .

Penn State is 269-55 (.830) all-time during the month of November, including a 77-8 (.906) 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 65-2 (.970) 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 54 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 271-54 (83%) mark in the last 15 years versus these teams.

יוי	nunk in the last roly		nese teams.	
	vs. Michigan	29-2	vs. Stanford	6-7
	vs. Northwestern	28-2	vs. Michigan State	27-3
	vs. Wisconsin	25-6	vs. Ohio State	25-6
	vs. Florida	4-3	vs. UCLA	3-3
	vs. Nebraska	4-4	vs. Minnesota	25-6
	vs. LBSU	0-1	vs. USC	1-1
	vs. Illinois	28-3	vs. Temple	2-1
	vs. Brigham Young	5-1	vs. Tennessee	0-1
	vs. Purdue	30-1	vs. Indiana	28-1
	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
- 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
- 217 Number of home match wins at Rec Hall in last 10 years
- 1,043 Number of wins by head coach Russ Rose in his 33rd season
- 1,094 Number of wins in Penn State women's volleyball history

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No. School

- Illinois 1
- 2 UCLA
- 3 Washington
- 4 California
- 5 Nebraska
- 6 USC
- 7 Stanford
- 8 Hawaii
- 9 Purdue
- Penn State 10
- Florida 11
- 12 Texas
- Northern Iowa 13 14 Minnesota
- Oregon 15
- Iowa State 16
- 17 Michigan
- 18 Tennessee 19 Oklahoma
- 20 Pepperdine
- 21 Miami
- 22 Florida State
- 23 San Diego
- 24 **Ohio State**
- 25 Colorado State
- 26 Arizona
- 27 Kentucky
- 28 Cincinnati
- 29 Dayton
- Western Kentucky 30

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No. School	Points	LW
1. Illinois (8)	198	1
2. UCLA (2)	190	2
3. Washington	172	3
4. California	167	4
5. Nebraska	151	6
6. USC	150	5
7. Stanford	143	7
8. Hawaii	133	8
9. Penn State	115	12
10. Purdue	104	13
11. Texas	100	9
12. Florida	99	11
13. Northern Iowa	91	14
14. Oregon	62	15
15. Minnesota	51	10
16. Iowa State	47	16
17. San Diego	30	19
18. Michigan	27	17
19. Pepperdine	22	18
20. Tennessee	18	20

Receiving Votes: Oklahoma, Miami, Florida State, Kentucky, Colorado State

The Last Time a Lion...

Had 30 or more kills	
Had 10 or more blocks	10 - Katie Slay vs. FGCU (9/17/11)
Had five or more aces	6 - Micha Hancock vs. New Hampshire (9/3/11)
Had 25 or more digs	35 - Alyssa D'Errico at Minnesota (11/27/10)
Had 80 or more assists	
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 Oppon	ients (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	
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 road	vs. 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	vs. Minnesota, 10/1/11 (25-15, 26-24, 25-15)
Lost a match	at Nebraska, 9/21/11 (18-25, 16-25, 25-23, 25-19, 10-15)
Won at home	vs. Minnesota, 10/1/11 (25-15, 26-24, 25-15)
Lost at home	vs. Ohio State, 10/20/04 (25-30, 30-22, 26-30, 30-26, 11-15)
Won 3-0 at home	vs. Minnesota, 10/1/11 (25-15, 26-24, 25-15)
Lost 3-0 at home	vs. Minnesota, 10/18/03 (26-30, 18-30, 21-30)
Won 3-0 on the road	at Iowa, 9/24/11 (25-23, 25-23, 25-14)
Lost 3-0 on the road	at Ohio State, 11/8/06 (19-30, 26-30, 21-30)

All Matches

Won a match	vs. Minnesota, 10/1/11 (25-15, 26-24, 25-15)
Lost a match	at Nebraska, 9/21/11 (18-25, 16-25, 25-23, 25-19, 10-15)
Won at home	vs. Minnesota, 10/1/11 (25-15, 26-24, 25-15)
Lost at home	vs. Oregon, 8/26/11 (25-16, 25-21, 25-20, 25-22)
Won 3-0 at home	vs. Minnesota, 10/1/11 (25-15, 26-24, 25-15)
Lost 3-0 at home	vs. Indiana, 10/29/10 (25-17, 25-18, 25-22)
Won 3-0 on the road	at Iowa, 9/24/11 (25-23, 25-23, 25-14)
Lost 3-0 on the road	vs. Stanford, 9/11/10 (26-28, 12-25, 18-25)

Packing Rec Hall Once Again

As usual, Penn State is among the national leaders in attendance in 2011. The Nittany Lions rank fourth in the country averaing 3,593 fans per match so far this season. Hawaii sits in first place, while Nebraska ranks second and Minnesota sits at third.

	School	Average Attend.	Total Attend.	Home Dates		School	Average Attend.	Total Attend.	Home Dates
1.	Hawaii	6,599	85,791	13	16.	UNI	2.214	19,922	9
2.	Nebraska	5,137	30, 824	6	17.	Wichita St.	2,186	10,932	5
3.	Minnesota	3,920	15,679	4	18.	Stanford	2,134	17,071	8
4.	Penn State	3,593	25,153	7	19.	TCU	1,877	9,385	5
5.	Wisconsin	3,252	16,262	5	20.	Neb-Omaha	1,819	3,637	2
6.	Florida	3,038	27,341	9	21.	UCLA	1,575	4,726	3
7.	Missouri	2,713	10,853	4	22.	Texas A&M	1,512	9,074	6
8.	USC	2,702	8,105	3	23.	Kansas St.	1,506	7,528	5
9.	Iowa State	2,502	12,509	5	24.	Michigan	1,492	7,458	5
10.	Colorado St.	2,444	14,661	5	25.	Duke	1,461	10,227	7
11.	Illinois	2,31	16,173	7	26.	Ohio	1,409	7,047	5
12.	Purdue	2,300	18,401	8	27.	Louisville	1,389	6,947	5
13.	New. Mex.	2,284	13,706	6	28.	BYU	1,321	7,926	6
14.	Washington	2,274	13,641	6	29.	N. Mex. St.	1,313	9,192	7
15.	Texas	2,269	13,611	6	30.	Cal Poly	1,310	3,929	3

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 passes the 1,000-win plateau during their careers with the win on Dec. 17, 2009.

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

1,10	
1,04	5 Dave Shoji, Hawaii (36 yrs)
1,03	3 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 winngest 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

Match-By-Match Starting Lineups

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opp</u> .	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Setter</u>	<u>Opp</u> .	<u>OH</u>	<u>OH</u>	<u>MB</u>	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	Pittsburg	h 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	1 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	Nebrask	κaL	3-2	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
9/24	lowa	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Whitney	Slay	Grant	Longo
9/30	Wisconsi	in W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
10/1	Minnesot	ta W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo

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 Sche	dule
<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Air Time</u>
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 T	en
Name, School	<u>Yr.</u>	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	e 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

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	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	Minnesota	W	3-0	25-15, 26-24, 25-15	University Park, Pa.	3,311	10-4	1:29

2011 Schedule and Results

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1999, 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2010 NCAA Champions					
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	<u>Individua</u>	Il Player Match	n-By-Match H	<u>lighs</u>	
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	2 - Slay
				11 - Carpenter	
Sept. 3 New Hampshire	6 - Whitney	16 - McClendon	30 - Hancock	10 - Carpenter	6 - Slay
	6 - McClendon			-	
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
Totals (including ties)	8 - McClendon	7 - McClendon	13 - Hancock	6 - Carpenter	9 - Slay
	6 - Scott	7 - Scott	1 - Carpenter	2 - McClendon	3 - Grant
	1 - Whitney			2 - Hancock	2 - Kabbes
				3 - Longo	1 - Martin
				1 Convolor	

Individual Player Match-By-Match Highs

1 - Gonzalez

1 - Martin

1999, 2007,	2008	3, 20	09 & 20	10 NC	CAA C	hampions	
	Te	eam M	atch-By-I	Match S	tate Co	<u>mparison</u>	
Date Opponent	<u>Sets</u>	Kills	Hitting %	Aces	Digs	Total Team Blocks	Total Points Scored*
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	6.0/65	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

Team Match-By-Match State Comparison

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

2011 Penn State Superlatives

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1999, 2007	7, 2008, 2009 & 2010 NCAA Cha	ampions
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	2011 Penn State Superlatives	<u>s</u>
	Individual	
	44 - Ariel Scott at Iowa (9/24)	
Assists:	33 - Micha Hancock at Iowa (9/24)	
	6 - Micha Hancock vs. New Hampshire (9/3)	
	17 - Ali Longo at Iowa (9/24)	
Solo Blocks:	2 - 2x, last, K. Slay vs. Minnesota (10/1)	6 - vs. Wisconsin (9/30)
Total Blocks:	7 - Katie Slay vs. Minnesota (10/1)	14.5 - vs. Minnesota (10/1)
Four sets	Individual	
Kills:		
Attacks:	50 - Deja McClendon at Stanford (9/9)	
Attack Percentage*:		
Assists:	45 - Micha Hancock at Stanford (9/9)	
Aces:	3 - Micha Hancock vs. FGCU (9/17)	
Digs:	16 - Kristin Carpenter at Stanford (9/9)	63 - at Stanford (9/9)
Solo Blocks:	1 - 4x, last, M. Hancock & K. Slay vs. FGCU (9/17)	
Block Assists:	9 - Katie Slay vs. FGCU (9/17)	
	10 - Katie Slay vs. FGCÙ (9/17)	
Five sets	Individual	Team
Kills		65 - vs USC (8/27)
Attack Percentage*		298 (65-20-151) - vs. USC (8/27)
Assists		60 - vs Texas (9/10)
Aces		10 - vs. Texas (9/10)
Dias		69 - VS. TEXAS (9/10) 69 - VS. TEXAS (9/10)
Block Assists	8 - 3x, last, Katie Slay vs. Texas (9/10)	31 - vs. USC (8/27)
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2011 Opponent Superlatives

Three sets	Individual	<u>Team</u>
Kills:	14 - Ashley Wittman, Minnesota (10/1)	37 - 2x, last, Minnesota (10/1)
Attacks:	41 - Ashley Wittman, Minnesota (10/1)	
Attack Percentage*:	471 (10-2-17) - Kiesha Leggs, Pittsburgh (9/2)	158 (37-19-114) - Iowa (9/24)
Assists:	35 - Mia Tabberson, Minnesota (10/1)	
Aces:	3 - Annika Foit, Long Island (9/16)	
Digs:	16 - Bethany Yeager, Iowa (9/24)	
Solo Blocks:	1 - 6x, last, A. Filho & K. Harms, Minnesota (10/1)	
Block Assists:	5 - C. Farrell & A. Raseman, Miami (Ohio) (9/2)	13 - 2x, last, Wisconsin (9/30)
	5 - C. Farrell & A. Raseman, Miami (Ohio) (9/2)	
	<u>Individual</u>	
	22 - Rachel Williams, Stanford (9/9)	
	53 - Rachel Williams, Stanford (9/9)	
Attack Percentage*:	579 (12-1-19) - Liz Brenner, Oregon (8/26)	277 (62-23-141) - Oregon (8/26)
Assists:	48 - Lauren Plum, Oregon (8/26)	
	1 - 8x, last, K. Holm, Č. Dominguez & H. Youngquist, FGCU (9/17)	
Digs:	15 - Holly Youngquist, FGCU (9/17)	65 - Stanford (9/9)
Solo Blocks:	2 - 3x, last, Katilin Holm, FGCU (9/17)	5 - Stanford (9/9)
	5 - Carly Wopat, Stanford (9/9)	
Total Blocks:	7 - Carly Wopat, Stanford (9/9)	
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	<u>Individual</u>	
	22 - 2x, last, Gina Mancuso, Nebraska (9/21)	
Attacks:	55 - Alex Jupiter, USC (8/27)	
	538 (8-1-13) - Madelyn Hutson, Texas (9/10)	
Assists:	53 - Lauren Cook, Nebraska (9/21)	
Aces:	3 - K. Bell & M. Hutson, Texas (9/10)	
	17 - 2x, Lauren Cook, Nebraskà (9/21)	
	1 - 5x, last, Morgan Broekhuis, Nebraska (9/21)	
	8 - Hayley Thramer, Nebraska (9/21)	
IOLAI BIOCKS:	8 - Rachael Adams, Texas (9/10)	13.0 - Texas (9/10)



Hampton Inn Classic All-Tournament Team ... tallied a careerhigh 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 teambest 14 kills with a career-best six blocks against Minnesota (10/1).



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:	
Attacks:	55 at Nebraska (9/21)
Hitting Percentage:	419 (17-4-31) vs. FGCU (9/17)
Assists:	
Aces:	1, 3x, last at lowa (9/24)
	5, 3x, last at Nebraska (9/21)
	6 vs. Minnesota (10/1)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:	
Attacks:	
	533 (9-1-15) vs. Indiana (10/29/10)
Assists:	
Aces:	1, 3x, last at Iowa (9/24/11)

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	
Hitting Percentage:	
Assists:	
	N/A
	2, 2x, last vs. New Hampshire (9/3)
Blocks:	

Kills:	. 13 vs. Virginia Commonwealth (9/4/10)
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:692	2 (9-0-13) vs. George Washington (9/17/10)
Assists:	
Aces:	
Digs:	



Led the team with nine digs vs. Oregon (8/26) in collegiate debut.



Kristin **CARPENTER** Junior Mechanicsville, Va.

DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST

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).

2011	SEASON HIGH	IS

Kills:	N/A
Attacks:	1 vs. Oregon (8/26)
Hitting Percentage:	N/Á
	2 vs. USC (8/27)
Aces:	1, 2x, last vs. Long Island (9/16)
Blocks:	Ň/Á

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:	N/A
Attacks:	1 vs. Oregon (8/26/11)
Hitting Percentage:	N/Á
Assists:	
Aces:	1, 2x, last vs. Long Island (9/16/11)
Blocks:	N/Á

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	N/A
Attacks:	3 vs. USC (8/27)
Hitting Percentage:	
Assists:	
Aces:	2, 2x, last vs. FGCU (9/17)
Dias:	
Blocks:	

Kills:	
Attacks:	
	1.000 (3-0-3), 3x, last vs. lowa (10/16/10)
Assists:	
Aces:	
Digs:	



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).



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).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	545 (7-1-11) vs. FGCU (9/17)
	2, 3x, last vs. Minnesota (10/1)
	1, 6x, last vs. FGCU (9/17)
	10 vs. Minnesota (10/1)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:	
Assists:	
Aces:	

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	647 (11-0-17) vs. USC (8/27)
Assists:	
Aces:	
Digs:	
Blocks:	

Kills:	11 vs. USC (8/27/11)
Attacks:	17, 2x, last vs. Texas (9/10/11)
Hitting Percentage:	647 (11-0-17) vs. USC (8/27/11)
Aces:	N/A
Digs:	
Blocks:	
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Made collegiate debut vs. Rutgers (9/17) and tallied one kill.



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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:	

CAREER HIGHS

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

2011 SEASON HIGHS

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

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



Darcy DORTON Redshirt-Sophomore Muncie, Ind.

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).



Micha HANCOCK Freshman Edmond, Okla.

SETTER

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).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:5 at Iowa	(9/24)
Attacks:	(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 lowa	(9/24)
Blocks:	N/Á

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:	15 vs. Miami (Ohio) (8/28/09)
Attacks:	
	643 (9-0-14) at Florida (12/11/09)
Assists:	
Aces:	N/Á
Digs:	8 vs. Robert Morris (9/5/09)
	5, 2x, last at Indiana (11/21/09)

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	
Attacks:	
Assists:	
Aces:	6, 2x, last vs. New Hampshire (9/3)
Blocks:	

Kills:	
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	
Assists:	
Aces:	6, 2x, last vs. New Hampshire (9/3/11)
Digs:	
Blocks:	



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).



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)

2011 SEASON HIGHS	
Kills:	N/A
Attacks:	N/A
Hitting Percentage:	N/A
Assists:	1 at Stanford (9/9)
Aces:	
Digs:	
Blocks:	N/A

CAREER HIGHS

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

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	.500 (6-1-10) vs. Long Island (9/16)
Assists:	
Aces:	N/A
Digs:	1, 2x, last vs. Long Island (9/16)
Blocks:	

Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	500 (6-1-10) vs. Long Island (9/16/11)
Assists:	N/A
Aces:	N/A
Digs:	1, 2x, last vs. Long Island (9/16/11)
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Made collegiate debut against New Hampshire (9/3).



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).

2011 SEASON HIGHS Kills: Attacks: Hitting Percentage: Assists:	N/A N/A
Aces:	N/A
Digs:	
Blocks:	N/A

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:	N/A
Attacks:	N/A
Hitting Percentage:	N/A
Assists:	
Aces:	
Dias:	N/A
Blocks:	N/A

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	
	25 vs. USC (8/27)
	769 (10-0-13) vs. Rutgers (9/17)
Assists:	
Aces:	1 vs. Oregon (8/26)
Blocks:	10 vs. FGCU (9/17)

	12 vs. USC (8/27/11)
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	769 (10-0-13) vs. Rutgers (9/17/11)
Assists:	
Aces:	1 vs. Oregon (8/26/11)
Digs:	
Blocks:	10, 2x, last vs. FGCU (9/17/11)





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).



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).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	
Attacks:	55 at Nebraska (9/21)
Hitting Percentage:	625 (10-0-16) at Pittsburgh (9/2)
Assists:	
Aces:	
Digs:	13 at Nebraska (9/21)
	4 vs. Oregon (8/26)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:	
Hitting Percentage:	
Assists:	
Aces:	

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	N/A
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	
Assists:	
Aces:	3 vs. Miami (Ohio) (9/2)
Digs:	
Blocks:	N/Á

Kills:	N/A
Attacks:	2, 2x, last at Nebraska (9/21/11)
	N/Á
Assists:	
Aces:	3, 3x, last vs. Miami (Ohio) (9/2/11)
Digs:	
Blocks:	N/A



Made her collegiate debut vs. Oregon (8/26) \dots second on the team with 13 digs vs. Texas (9/10).

2011 SEASON HIGHS	
Kills:	N/A
	N/A
	N/A
Assists:	1, 2x, last at lowa (9/24)
Aces:	
DIOCKS:	N/A
CAREER HIGHS	
Kills:	N/A
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