



PENN STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

TWO-TIME NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

30 EIVA CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS | 26 EIVA CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

2015 SCHEDULE & RECORD

Overall: 0-6 (Home: 0-2, Away: 0-3, Neutral: 0-1)

EIVA: 0-0 (Home: 0-0, Away: 0-0)

JANUARY

Outrigger Invitational (8-9)

1/8 vs. UC Irvine	L, 3-2
1/9 at Hawaii	L, 3-0
1/16 at Ball State	L, 3-2
1/17 at IPFW	L, 3-1
1/23 vs. Loyola	L, 3-1
1/24 vs. Lewis	L, 3-1
1/30 vs. Mount Olive	7 p.m.
1/31 vs. Saint Francis*	8 p.m.

FEBRUARY

2/6 vs. Erskine	7 p.m.
2/7 PSU Alumni Match	3 p.m.
2/11 at Ohio State	7 p.m.
2/14 vs. George Mason*	7 p.m.
2/20 at Lewis	8 p.m.
2/21 at Loyola	8 p.m.
2/27 at Sacred Heart*	7 p.m.
2/28 at Harvard*	7 p.m.

MARCH

3/10 at USC	7 p.m.
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Asics Tournament at LBSU (13-14)

3/13 at Cal State Northridge	7 p.m.
3/14 at Long Beach State	5 p.m.
3/21 vs. Ohio State	2 p.m.
3/27 vs. Princeton*	7 p.m.
3/28 vs. NJIT*	7 p.m.

APRIL

4/4 at George Mason*	7 p.m.
4/10 vs. Harvard*	7 p.m.
4/11 vs. Sacred Heart*	4 p.m.
4/17 at Princeton*	7 p.m.
4/18 at NJIT*	4 p.m.
4/25 at Saint Francis	4 p.m.
4/29 EIVA Semifinals	Site of #1 seed

MAY

5/1 EIVA Championship	Site of #1 seed
5/5 NCAA Play-in match	Palo Alto, Calif.
5/7 NCAA Semifinals	Palo Alto, Calif.
5/9 NCAA Finals	Palo Alto, Calif.

Home matches played at Rec Hall in CAPS • All times EST and subject to change • * Indicates EIVA match • # indicates match will be aired on TV

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WEEK 4: MOUNT OLIVE & SAINT FRANCIS

Friday, Jan. 30 2015 | University Park, Pa. - Rec Hall

Saturday, Jan. 31 2015 | University Park, Pa. - Rec Hall

RV PENN STATE VS. WEEKEND OPPONENTS

NITTANY LIONS



Record: 0-6
EIVA: 0-0
AVCA Rank: RV
Head coach: Mark Pavlik
Overall Record: 482-148

MOUNT OLIVE TROJANS



Record: 3-2
CC: 0-0
AVCA Rank: NR
Last Outing: 1/31/14
Head coach: David Heller

SAINT FRANCIS RED FLASH



Record: 0-10
EIVA: 0-0
AVCA Rank: NR
Last Outing: 4/12/14
Head coach: Mike Rumbaugh

FIRST SERVE

» Penn State remains at home this week hosting a pair of matches in main gym at Rec Hall. The Nittany Lions welcome Mount Olive for a non-conference matchup Friday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. ET, before hosting Saint Francis in the 2015 EIVA opener Saturday, Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. ET.

» The Nittany Lions matched up against the nation's top two teams in last weekend's home opening matches. Penn State came up short in both outings, despite having squared off against their fifth ranked team of the season.

» Beginning this weekend, Penn State head coach Mark Pavlik will help raise awareness for the EIVA's "EIVA Rallies" campaign by wearing a fedora in the Nittany Lions' EIVA opener against travel partner, Saint Francis. The annual campaign benefits the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. PSU will host a silent auction during Saturday's match on the west mezzanine level in the main gym at Rec Hall featuring game-worn EIVA Rallies warm-ups.

» Senior Aaron Russell entered the week as the national leader in kills per set, averaging 4.72 kills per frame. Russell has recorded double-digit kills in all six matches this season, posting at least 20 kills in three of the last four consecutive matches. He's also led the team in the category in four of six contests this season.

» The Nittany Lions own a perfect 7-0 record in the all-time series against the Trojans. In the short seven-match series between the two teams, Penn State has swept Mount Olive in each outing, including last year's meeting in 2014. The Trojans are also a fairly familiar opponent, having faced off against the Nittany Lions in the last four consecutive seasons.

» The Nittany Lions hold an unblemished 34-0 mark in the all-time series against the Red Flash. The series stretches back to 1995, when the two teams first met in the Hall of Fame Classic in Springfield, Mass. Penn State claimed a 3-0 win in the first outing. Within the last 10 years, the Nittany Lions have dropped just seven sets to Saint Francis, winning both matches in four sets during the 2014 season.

» Redshirt senior Nick Goodell highlighted the first EIVA Weekly Awards release with EIVA Defensive Player of the Week honors for his performances in the first two weeks of the 2015 season. Goodell recorded at least seven digs in three of the first four matches of the season, while also posting double figure kills in each match.

» Penn State slipped out of the top 15 in this week's AVCA Poll, but still received 15 votes. Presently, the Nittany Lions are set to square off a total of 12 teams featured in the poll including 10 teams ranked within the top 15 and two receiving votes.

» Following a 2014 season that featured Penn State men's volleyball's 16th consecutive trip the NCAA national semifinals, the Nittany Lions return a core group of nine letterwinners and five starters this year, while welcoming four freshmen to the roster.

» PSU returns almost all of its starters from a year ago, with graduating senior and 2014 All-EIVA second team honoree, Peter Russell as the only departure. Senior Aaron Russell highlights the group of returners as he closed out the 2014 season atop the team standings in almost every category. The 2014 First Team AVCA All-American also earned his second consecutive Uvaldo Acosta Memorial EIVA Player of the Year award.

» The 26-time defending EIVA champion Penn State men's volleyball team was selected as this year's EIVA preseason favorite. The Nittany Lions were voted to capture this year's championship crown by the league's seven head coaches, receiving six of a possible seven first place votes in the preseason poll.

» First team AVCA All-American senior Aaron Russell and redshirt senior Nick Goodell, both picked up 2015 Off the Block/Springbak Preseason All-America honors. Russell was selected as a First Team All-American, while Goodell earned Second Team honors.

» Senior Aaron Russell and redshirt junior Matt Seifert have been voted as the two team captains for the 2015 season.

PENN STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

PENN STATE AT A GLANCE

THE UNIVERSITY

Location: University Park, Pa. 16802
 Founded: 1855
 Enrollment: 44,112
 Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Nittany Lions
 Men's Volleyball Conference: EIVA
 President: Dr. Eric Barron
 Director of Athletics: Sandy Barbour
 Facility (capacity): Rec Hall (5,812)

VOLLEYBALL STAFF

Head Coach: Mark Pavlik (21st season)
 Alma Mater: Penn State, 1982
 Overall Record (Yrs/Pct): 482-142 (20/.772)
 School Record: same
 Asst. Coaches: Colin McMillan (8th season)
 Jay Hosack (6th season)
 Office Phone: (814) 863-7474
 Office Fax: (814) 865-1746
 Office Address: 235 Rec Hall

SEASON IN REVIEW

2014 Record: 25-7
 Home: 15-0 Away: 7-6
 Neutral: 3-1
 Conference record (finish): 13-1 (1st)
 Home: 7-0 Away: 6-1
 Final AVCA Ranking: No. 10
 Postseason Play: NCAA national semifinal
 Play-in Match: Win, 3-1 vs. Lewis
 Nation Semifinal: Lost, 3-2 at No. 1 Loyola

THE HISTORY

First Year of Volleyball: 1977
 All-Time Record (Years): 973-274-10
 All-Time EIVA Record: 276-13
 EIVA Win Pct.:956 (.955)
 EIVA/ECVL Championships 30
 EIVA Championship Titles 26
 NCAA Tournament Appearances 29
 NCAA National Titles 1994 & 2008

2015 ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School (College)
1	Taylor Hammond	RS-Jr.	S	6-4	Mission Viejo, Calif./Santa Margarita Cath.
2	Zack Parik	Jr.	S	6-4	Woodridge, Ill./Downers Grove North
3	Connor Curry	RS-Sr.	L	6-0	Newport Beach, Calif./Newport Harbor
4	Nick Goodell	RS-Sr.	OPP	6-4	Ambridge, Pa./Ambridge
5	Parker Thompson	Fr.	L	6-0	State College, Pa./State College
6	Royce Clemens	Fr.	L	6-1	York, Pa./Central York
7	Andrew Roberts	RS-So.	OPP	6-5	Grantville, Pa./Lower Dauphin
8	Aaron Russell	Sr.	OH	6-9	Ellicott City, Md./Centennial
9	Lee Smith	Fr.	OH	6-6	Sewickley, Pa./Ambridge
10	Chris Nugent	So.	OH	6-5	Fairlawn, N.J./Fairlawn
11	Spencer Sauter	RS-So.	OH	6-7	Woodridge, Ill./Naperville North
12	Kevin Gear	RS-Fr.	MB	6-8	Rochester, N.Y./Gates-Chili
13	Matthew McLaren	Fr.	OH	6-4	Aurora, Colo./Cherokee Trail
14	Jalen Penrose	RS-Fr.	OH	6-8	Cambridge, Mass./Cambridge Ridge & Latin
15	Aidan Albrecht	RS-Fr.	OH	6-6	Old Bridge, N.J. Old Bridge
17	Matt Callaway	RS-So.	MB	6-7	Wheaton, Ill./Wheaton Warrenville South
18	Matt Seifert	RS-Jr.	MB	6-10	Reading, Pa./Exeter Township

Head Coach:

Mark Pavlik (Penn State, 1982), 21st year

Assistant Coaches:

Jay Hosack (UC Santa Cruz, 1997) 6th year

Colin McMillan (Ohio State, 2000), 8th year

Scott Campbell (Penn State 2008), 2nd year

Athletic Trainer:

ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	SP	K/S	%	A/S	SA/S	D/S	B/S
15	Aidan Albrecht	RS-Fr.	OH	6-6	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	Matt Callaway	RS-So.	MB	6-7	25	1.32	.443	0.16	0.00	0.16	0.56
6	Royce Clemens	Fr.	L	6-1	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Connor Curry	RS-Sr.	L	6-0	25	0.00	.000	0.76	0.00	2.16	0.00
12	Kevin Gear	RS-Fr.	MB	6-8	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Nick Goodell	RS-Sr.	OPP	6-4	25	3.40	.143	0.12	0.16	1.88	0.40
1	Taylor Hammond	RS-Jr.	S	6-4	25	0.12	.111	10.24	0.00	1.60	0.20
13	Matthew McLaren	Fr.	OH	6-4	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	Chris Nugent	So.	OH	6-5	8	0.88	-0.05	0.12	0.00	0.25	0.00
2	Zack Parik	Jr.	S	6-4	20	0.00	.000	0.40	0.05	0.10	0.00
14	Jalen Penrose	RS-Fr.	OH	6-8	8	0.50	-.091	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.00
7	Andrew Roberts	RS-So.	OPP	6-5	12	0.00	.000	0.00	0.17	0.17	0.00
8	Aaron Russell	Sr.	OH	6-9	25	4.72	.356	0.12	0.52	1.72	0.40
11	Spencer Sauter	RS-So.	OH	6-7	21	1.62	.163	0.10	0.14	1.67	0.62
18	Matt Seifert	RS-Jr.	MB	6-10	25	1.04	.159	0.04	0.20	0.32	0.52
9	Lee Smith	Fr.	OH	6-6	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Parker Thompson	Fr.	L	6-0	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PENN STATE TOTALS					25	12.40	.232	11.88	1.12	9.56	1.44
OPPONENT TOTALS					25	13.36	.346	12.40	1.48	9.68	2.96

PRONUNCIATIONS

Aidan Aye-DEN
 Albrecht ALL-Breckt
 Goodell GUH-Dell
 McLaren Mick-lair-EN
 Nugent New-gent
 Jalen Jay-LEN
 Sauter SAW-ter
 Seifert Sigh-FERT
 Pavlik PAV-lik

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE EIVA

2015 EIVA PRESEASON POLL

1. PENN STATE

2. Princeton
3. George Mason
4. Harvard
5. Saint Francis
6. NJIT
7. Sacred Heart

2015 EIVA STANDINGS

Team	Conf.			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Sacred Heart	0	0	.000	1	2	.333
NJIT	0	0	.000	1	2	.333
Harvard	0	0	.000	1	3	.250
Princeton	0	0	.000	1	3	.250
George Mason	0	0	.000	1	5	.167
PENN STATE	0	0	.000	0	6	.000
St. Francis (Pa.)	0	0	.000	0	10	.000

2015 HONORS

AARON RUSSELL

Outrigger Invitational All-Tournament (1/9)
Off the Block Preseason All-American

NICK GOODELL

Off the Block Preseason All-American
EIVA Defensive Player of the Week (1/21)

PENN STATE ALL-TIME RECORDS vs. 2015 OPPONENTS

NON-CONFERENCE

Team	W-L	Last
Hawaii	8-14	UH, 3-0 (1/9/15)
UC Irvine	4-8	UCI, 3-2 (1/8/15)
Ball State	61-22	BSU, 3-2 (1/16/15)
IPFW	42-15	IPFW, 3-1 (1/17/15)
Loyola Chicago	11-9	LOY, 3-1 (1/23/15)
Lewis	19-9	LEW, 3-1 (1/24/15)
Mount Olive	7-0	PSU, 3-0 (1/31/14)
Erskine	1-0	PSU, 3-0 (2/7/14)
USC	6-18	USC, 3-0 (3/9/12)
CSUN	9-4	PSU, 3-0 (3/14/14)
Long Beach State	6-15	LBSU, 3-0 (3/15/14)
Ohio State	70-28	OSU, 3-1 (3/7/14)

EIVA

Team	W-L	Last
George Mason	95-14	PSU, 3-1 (4/24/14)
Harvard	9-1	PSU, 3-0 (4/4/14)
NJIT	34-1	PSU, 3-0 (4/19/14)
Princeton	51-3	PSU, 3-0 (4/26/14)
Sacred Heart	8-0	PSU, 3-0 (4/5/14)
Saint Francis	34-0	PSU, 3-1 (4/12/14)

RUSSELL LEADING THE NATION IN KILLS PER SET

Senior Aaron Russell enters the week as the national leader in kills per set, averaging 4.72 kills per frame. Russell has recorded double-digit kills in all six matches this season, posting at least 20 kills in three of the last four consecutive matches. He's also led the team in the category in four of six contests this season.

RALLYING FOR A CAUSE

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The Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center is one of the largest and oldest private cancer centers. Throughout its history, the center has dedicated more than 100 years to patient care and innovative research.

AVCA DI-II COACHES' POLL UPDATE: WEEK THREE

Penn State slipped out of the top 15 in this week's AVCA Poll, but still received 15 votes. Presently, the Nittany Lions are set to square off a total of 12 teams featured in the poll including 10 teams ranked within the top 15 and two receiving votes. Having already taken on six of the 10, the Nittany Lions have now seen or will see a total of four more teams from the top 15.

AVCA DIV. II MEN'S COACHES POLL: JAN 26, 2015

Rank	School	Pts.	Record
1	Loyola-Chicago (17)	269	5-0
2	USC (1)	240	5-0
3	Lewis	233	6-1
4	UC Irvine	214	7-2
5	Pepperdine	197	7-1
6	Hawai'i	182	5-1
7	BYU	166	4-2
8	UC Santa Barbara	152	5-3
9	UCLA	123	4-2
10	IPFW	97	5-2
11	Long Beach State	94	5-2
12	Ohio State	62	6-2
13	Stanford	48	3-4
14	Ball State	33	5-1
15	Harvard	17	1-3

Receiving Votes: **PENN STATE 15**; CSUN 10; Princeton 6

CAREER DAY ON THE COURT FOR RUSSELL

Last weekend senior Aaron Russell led all hitters with a career-high 32 kills on .439 hitting at Ball State. Despite the close 3-2 loss, Russell added a team-high three aces to go along with five digs and three blocks. His performance marks the first career 30-plus kill outing for Russell, while also making him the first Nittany Lion since 2011 (Joe Sunder vs. Hawaii) to put down 30 kills in a single match.

GOODELL EARNS EIVA DEFENSIVE HONOR

Redshirt senior Nick Goodell highlighted the first EIVA Weekly Awards release of the season with EIVA Defensive Player of the week honors for his performances in the first two weeks of the 2015 slate. Goodell recorded at least seven digs in three of the first four matches of the season, while also posting double figure kills in each match. Through four matches, he's tied for second on the team in blocks per set (0.53) and second on the squad in digs per set (1.76). In the Outrigger Invitational, he kicked off the season with 10 kills and seven digs against No. 8 UC Irvine, before returning the next night to lead the team with 14 kills against No. 10 Hawaii. Goodell highlighted last weekend with his first double-double of the season, posting 15 kills and 14 digs at Ball State.

RUSSELL ON OUTRIGGER INVITE ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Senior Aaron Russell earned a spot on the Outrigger Invitational All-Tournament team. Russell recorded back-to-back double-digit kill performances, highlighting the week with a match-high 19 kills in a close 3-2 loss to eighth-ranked UC Irvine. Against No. 10 Hawaii, he tallied 10 kills, while also leading the team with eight digs and three aces.

PENN STATE VOTED EIVA PRESEASON FAVORITE

The 16-time defending EIVA champion Penn State men's volleyball team has been selected as the 2014 EIVA preseason favorite. The Nittany Lions were voted to capture this year's championship crown by the league's seven head coaches. Penn State received six of a possible seven first place votes in the preseason poll, while Princeton picked up one. The Tigers are slotted to finish second, while George Mason, Harvard and St. Francis (Pa.) round out the top five in spots three through five.

PENN STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

RECORD BOOK WATCH

SINGLE SEASON

Aces

##	Name	Year
79	Max Holt	2009
71	AARON RUSSELL	2014
55	Max Holt	2007
51	Will Price	2009
49	Will Prince	2010

ALL-TIME

Aces

##	Name	Year
207	Max Holt	2006-09
149	AARON RUSSELL	2011-PRES.
130	Zeljko Kolijesar	2000-03
126	Carlos Guerra	2000-03
108	Matt Proper	2003-06
107	Joe Sunder	2009-12
100	Will Prince	2006-08
99	Jose Quinones	2000-03
88	Jason Kepner	1994-97
	Alex Gutaor	2004-07
87	Nick Turko	2009-13
85	Eric Houston	1998-00
83	Edgardo Goas	2009-12
82	Matt Anderson	2006-08
80	NICK GOODELL	2010-PRES.

2015 DOUBLE-DOUBLES

NICK GOODELL

1/16 at Ball State 15 kills, 14 digs

TAYLOR HAMMOND

1/23 vs. Loyola 14 digs, 47 assists

PSU IN THE NATIONAL STANDINGS

TEAM

Rank	Category	Stat
6	Digs Per Set	9.56
10	Assists Per Set	11.88
13	Kills Per Set	12.40
23	Hitting %	.232
24	Aces Per Set	1.12

INDIVIDUAL

Category	Rank	Name	Stat
Points Per Set	1	Aaron Russell	5.50
Kills Per Set	1	Aaron Russell	4.72
Aces Per Set	8	Aaron Russell	0.52
Assists Per Set	12	Taylor Hammond	10.24
Hitting %	22	Aaron Russell	.356

IN THE EIVA STANDINGS

TEAM

Rank	Category	Stat
1	Assists Per Set	10.71
2	Hitting Percentage	.213
2	Kills Per Set	11.18
3	Aces Per Set	1.29
3	Digs Per Set	8.24

INDIVIDUAL

Category	Rank	Name	Stat
Assists Per Set	1	Taylor Hammond	10.24
Kills Per Set	1	Aaron Russell	4.72
Points Per Set	1	Aaron Russell	5.50
	4	Nick Goodell	3.80
Hitting %	2	Aaron Russell	.356
Aces Per Set	2	Aaron Russell	0.52
Digs Per Set	5	Connor Curry	2.16

RUSSELL JOINS TEAM U.S.A FOR WORLD QUALIFIER

First Team AVCA All-American Aaron Russell was selected to the U.S. Men's National Team for the 2014 NORCECA Men's World Championship Qualification Tournament this summer. He was one of just four outsiders to be selected to the 12-man roster, which also features several Olympians from the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Teams.

LEADING LIONS

Senior Aaron Russell and redshirt junior Matt Seifert have been voted as the two team captains for the 2015 season. Seifert is no stranger to the leadership role, having served alongside Connor Curry as one of two team captains during the 2014 season.

RUSSELL, GOODELL EARN OFF THE BLOCK PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA HONORS

First team AVCA All-American senior Aaron Russell and redshirt senior Nick Goodell, both picked up 2015 Off the Block/Springbak Preseason All-America honors. Russell was selected as a First Team All-American, while Goodell earned Second Team honors. The duo are just two of 22 student-athletes to earn the honor, which is selected by a nationwide voting committee comprised of coaches from around the country. The Off the Block Preseason All-American teams recognizes the NCAA Division I-II men's volleyball players predicted to perform best during the upcoming season.

PAVLIK APPROACHING CAREER MARK

In his 21st year at the helm of the program, head coach Mark Pavlik has amassed 482 career victories. His all-time mark puts him just 18 shy of the milestone 500 career-wins plateau.

WHO'S BACK?

Penn State returns almost all of its starters from a year ago, with graduating senior and 2014 All-EIVA second team honoree, Peter Russell as the only departure. Senior Aaron Russell highlights the group of talented returners as he closed out the 2014 season atop the team standings in almost every category, while also ranking first nationally in aces per set (0.65). The 2014 First Team AVCA All-American also earned his second consecutive Uvaldo Acosta Memorial EIVA Player of the Year award this past season, making him the first Nittany Lion since Joe Sunder (2011-12) to earn back-to-back conference player of the year honors.

More Nittany Lion returning starters include AVCA All-America honorable mention and first team All-EIVA selection redshirt senior Nick Goodell and redshirt junior Taylor Hammond, who also earned first team All-EIVA accolades. Other returning starters include second team All-EIVA honorees redshirt senior Connor Curry and redshirt junior Matt Seifert.

FRESH FACES ON THE COURT IN 2015

The defending EIVA champion men's volleyball team returns a core group of nine letterwinners and five starters this year, while welcoming four freshmen to the roster. The new additions include 6-1 defensive specialist Royce Clemens from York, Pa., Matthew McLaren, a 6-4 outside from Aurora, Colo., Lee Smith, a 6-6 outside from Sewickley, Pa., and Parker Thompson, a 6-0 DS from State College, Pa.

THREE SIGN FOR 2016

Head coach Mark Pavlik has announced the addition of three future Nittany Lions who have all signed a National Letter of Intent during the early signing period. Joining the team at the start of the 2016 season, the Nittany Lion recruiting class features setter, Luke Braswell (Manchester, Pa.), outside hitter/opposite, Jason Donorovich (Lockport, N.Y.) and opposite, Calvin Mende (Redlands, Calif.).

PSU TO HOST 2016 NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

University Park will be the site of the 2016 National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Championship, marking the sixth time in school history that Rec Hall has hosted the event. Penn State will serve as the host of the vaunted event on May 5-7, 2016. Penn State men's volleyball was selected as one of two Nittany Lion programs to host an NCAA national championship. The announcement came during the 2014 NCAA announcement of its host sites through the 2017-18 season.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Penn State remains home next weekend, hosting Erskine in a non-conference match-up Friday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. in south gym at Rec Hall. The following afternoon, the Nittany Lions will host their annual PSU Alumni match at 3 p.m. in south gym.



CONNOR CURRY

Redshirt-Senior
Newport Beach, Calif. • Newport Harbor

6-0 • LIBERO

2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Tallied four digs against No. 8 UC Irvine (1/8) and five against No. 10 Hawaii (1/9) ... Recorded a season-high 17 digs at Ball State (1/16) ... Posted 12 digs against No. 1 Loyola (1/23).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Led the team with 17 digs against No. 7 UCLA (1/9) ... Posted 11 digs at No. 14 Hawaii (1/10) ... Registered five digs against No. 12 Ohio State (1/11) ... Logged eight digs against No. 14 IPFW (1/17) ... Totaled a team-high eight digs against Ball State (1/18) ... Led the team with seven digs against Mount Olive (1/31) ... Posted a squad-best 10 digs in the EIVA opener against Saint Francis (2/1) ... Had seven digs and four assists against No. 14 Ohio State (2/5) ... Recorded a team high 11 digs against NJIT (2/14) ... Registered a team-high seven digs against Rutgers-Newark (2/15) ... Led the team with a team high 14 digs against Harvard (2/22) ... Registered eight digs at No. 14 Ohio State (3/7) ... Posted eight digs against CSUN (3/14) ... Tallied five digs against No. 2 LBSU (3/15) ... Had six digs and three assists at No. 1 Loyola (3/21) ... Registered four digs at No. 10 Lewis (3/22) ... Recorded 10 digs at No. 15 Harvard (4/4) ... Logged 10 digs at Saint Francis (4/12) ... Led the team with eight kills at NJIT (4/19) ... Led the team with a match-high 13 digs against George Mason (4/24) in the EIVA Semifinals ... Had eight digs in the EIVA Championship match against Princeton (4/26) ... Registered a match-high 14 digs in the NCAA play-in match against Lewis (4/29).

2014 HONORS: Second Team All-EIVA ... Academic All-EIVA ... Academic All-Big Ten

2015 SEASON HIGHS

Kills: N/A
Attacks: N/A
Hitting Percentage: N/A
Assists: 6, vs. Loyola (1/23)
Aces: N/A
Digs: 17, at Ball State (1/16)
Blocks: N/A

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 1 vs. CSUN (3/14/14)
Attacks: 1, 5x, last vs. CSUN (3/14/14)
Hitting Percentage: 1.000 (1-0-1) vs. CSUN (3/14/14)
Assists: 8, at Lewis (3/22/14)
Aces: N/A
Digs: 21, 2x, last vs. Harvard (1/26/13)
Blocks: N/A



NICK GOODELL

Redshirt-Senior
Ambridge, Pa. • Ambridge

6-4 • OUTSIDE HITTER

2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Put down 10 kills against No. 8 UC Irvine (1/8) ... Led the team with 14 kills against No. 10 Hawaii (1/9) ... Notched his first double-double of the season with 15 kills and 14 digs at Ball State (1/16) ... Finished second on the team with 10 kills at No. 13 IPFW (1/17) ... Led the team with a season-high 19 kills against No. 1 Loyola (1/23).

2015 HONORS: Springbak/Off The Block Preseason All-American ... EIVA Defensive Player of the Week (1/19).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Finished the season ranked second on the team with 421 kills, averaging 3.79 per set ... Also ranked second on the team in aces (35) ... Recorded 13 kills against No. 7 UCLA (1/10) ... Totaled 19 kills on .455 hitting at No. 14 Hawaii (1/10) ... Tallied his third consecutive double-digit kill match with 13 against No. 12 Ohio State (1/11) ... Registered seven kills and six digs against No. 14 IPFW (1/17) ... Recorded 10 kills, seven digs and one block against Saint Francis (2/1) ... Tallied season high 20 kills on season high .533 hitting with four aces, against No. 14 Ohio State (2/5) ... Totaled 15 kills and six digs against Pfeiffer (2/8) ... Led the team in kills with seven against Rutgers-Newark (2/15) ... Registered two aces, seven kills and a team- high 10 digs against Sacred Heart (2/21) ... Totaled 10 digs and 11 kills against Harvard (2/22) ... Led the team with a career-high 25 kills, four digs at Princeton (2/28) ... Totaled 16 kills, 11 digs, and a season-high five blocks at George Mason (3/1) ... Had a team-high 15 kills and 11 digs for a double-double vs. CSUN (3/14) ... Totaled 10 kills vs. No. 2 LBSU (3/15) ... Tallied 13 kills at No. 1 Loyola (3/21) ... Registered 19 kills, 11 digs and three aces at No. 10 Lewis (3/22) ... Led the team with 20 kills and six digs at Saint Francis (4/12) ... Led the team in kills with 14 at Rutgers-Newark (4/18) ... Registered 17 kills in the EIVA Semifinal match against George Mason (4/24) ... Led the team with 15 kills and five digs in the EIVA Championship match against Princeton (4/26) ... Tallied 18 kills in the NCAA play-in match against Lewis (4/29) ... Led the team with 18 kills in the NCAA national semifinal match against No. 1 Loyola (5/1).

2014 HONORS: AVCA All-American Honorable Mention ... EIVA Championship MVP ... First Team All-EIVA ... Outrigger All-Tournament ... Three-time EIVA Offensive Player of the Week ... EIVA Defensive P.O.T.W. (3/31).

2015 SEASON HIGHS

Kills: 19, vs. Loyola (1/23)
Attacks: 53, vs. Loyola (1/23)
Hitting Percentage:222 (17-7-45), vs. Lewis (1/24)
Assists: 2, at Hawaii (1/9)
Aces: 2, at IPFW (1/17)
Digs: 14, at Ball State (1/16)
Blocks: 3, at Ball State (1/17)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 25, at Princeton (2/28/14)
Attacks: 48, at George Mason (3/1/14)
Hitting Percentage:750 (15-0-20) at Harvard (2/17/12)
Assists: 1, 12x, last at LBSU (3/15/14)
Aces: 6 at Concordia (4/12/13)
Digs: 14, at Ball State (1/16/15)
Blocks: 6, vs. Sacred Heart (4/6/12)

PENN STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL



AARON RUSSELL

Senior
Ellicott City, Md. • Centennial

6-4 • **OUTSIDE HITTER**

2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Led the team with 19 kills on .371 hitting against No. 8 UC Irvine (1/8) ... Posted 10 kills, three aces and eight digs at Hawaii (1/9) ... Put down a career-high 32 kills on .439 hitting at Ball State (1/16) ... Led the team with 20 kills at No. 13 IPFW (1/17) ... Recorded a match-high 23 kills against No. 2 Lewis (1/24) to go along with three aces and nine digs.

2015 HONORS: Springbak/Off The Block Preseason All-American ... Outrigger Invitational All-Tournament team.

2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Registered a team-high 19 kills against No. 7 UCLA (1/9) ... Posted 16 kills, four aces and two digs at No. 14 Hawaii (1/10) ... Recorded his third double-digit kill performance of the season with 10 kills against No. 12 Ohio State (1/11) ... Recorded his first double-double of the season against No. 14 IPFW (1/17), with 12 kills and 10 digs ... Set a season-high mark with 21 kills against Ball State (1/18) ... Led the team with 16 kills against Saint Francis (2/1), adding 11 digs for a double-double ... Registered 16 kills, tallying career high five aces against No. 14 Ohio State (2/5) ... Notched 13 kills on .667 hitting against Erskine (2/7) ... Posted a team-high 17 kills against Pfeiffer (2/8) ... Led the team with four aces against Rutgers-Newark (2/15) ... Posted a team-high 16 kills on .696 hitting against Sacred Heart (2/21) ... Tallied 17 kills and a team-high 10 digs at Princeton (2/28) ... Led the team with five aces and a double-double (13k, 13d) at George Mason (3/1) ... Ranked first on the squad with 20 kills at No. 14 Ohio State (3/7) ... Led the team with 11 kills at No. 2 LBSU (3/15) ... Led the team with 18 kills at No. 1 Loyola (3/21) ... Tallied a team-high 22 kills against No. 10 Lewis (3/22) ... Collected a team-high 16 kills against George Mason (3/29) ... Tallied nine kills, six aces at Sacred Heart (4/5) ... Notched 16 kills and a career-high seven aces at Saint Francis (4/12) ... Posted 10 kills at Rutgers-Newark (4/18) ... Had 20 kills against George Mason in the EIVA Semifinals (4/24) ... Notched 14 kills in the EIVA Championship match against Princeton (4/26) ... Pounded a team-high 20 kills in the NCAA play-in match against Lewis (4/29) ... Registered a double-double with 15 kills and 10 digs at No. 1 Loyola (5/1) in the national semis.

2014 HONORS: AVCA First Team All-American ... EIVA All-Tournament Team ... Uvaldo Acosta Memorial EIVA Player of the Year ... First Team All-EIVA ... Four-time EIVA Offensive Player of the Week.

2015 SEASON HIGHS

Kills: 32, at Ball State (1/16)
Attacks: 57, at Ball State (1/16)
Hitting Percentage:531 (20-3-32), at IPFW (1/17)
Assists: 2, vs. Lewis (1/24)
Aces: 3, 3x last vs. Lewis (1/24)
Digs: 9, 2x last vs. Lewis (1/24)
Blocks 3, 2x last at Ball State (1/16)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 32, at Ball State (1/16/15)
Attacks: 57 at Ball State (1/16/15)
Hitting Percentage:778 (7-0-9), 2x, last vs. Harvard (2/17/12)
Assists: 3 at NJIT (3/23/12)
Aces: 7 at Saint Francis (4/12/14)
Digs: 13, 2x, last at George Mason (3/1/14)
Blocks: 8 vs. Sacred Heart (4/6/12)



MATT SEIFERT

Redshirt-Junior
Reading, Pa. • Exeter Township

6-9 • **MIDDLE HITTER**

2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Had four kills and three blocks against No. 8 UC Irvine (1/8) ... Tallied one kill, one ace and two blocks against No. 10 Hawaii (1/9) ... Had a season-high nine kills at Ball State (1/16), adding a team-high three blocks.

2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Played in every single match during the 2014 season, finishing second on the squad in blocks (78), averaging 0.71 per set ... Posted nine kills, one ace and three blocks against No. 7 UCLA (1/9) ... Totaled five kills and three blocks against No. 14 IPFW (1/17) ... Logged three kills and two aces against Ball State (1/18) ... Tallied four kills, two digs and five blocks against Mount Olive (1/31) ... Contributed three kills, one ace, and three blocks against No. 14 Ohio State (2/5) ... Posted six kills on .400 hitting, adding one dig and one block against Pfeiffer (2/8) ... Recorded four kills, one ace, one dig, and four blocks against NJIT (2/14) ... Recorded five kills, one ace and two blocks against Sacred Heart (2/21) ... Contributed seven kills on .600 hitting, adding two digs against Harvard (2/22) ... Totaled three kills, and a team-high five blocks at Princeton (2/28) ... Led the team with six aces and six blocks as well as 12 kills on .688 hitting at George Mason (3/1) ... Tallied 10 kills on .714 hitting at No. 2 LBSU (3/15) ... Collected six digs and two blocks against No. 10 Lewis (3/22) ... Posted four kills, two aces and a team-high four blocks at Saint Francis (4/12) ... Had six kills while leading the team with a .556 hitting percentage as well as contributing two digs and four blocks at NJIT (4/19) ... Tallied eight kills on .778 hitting, adding two aces in the EIVA Semifinals against George Mason (4/24) ... Posted five kills on seven errorless swings, adding two aces in the EIVA Championship against Princeton (4/26) ... Posted seven kills and three blocks in the NCAA play-in match against Lewis (4/29) ... Led the team with three blocks in the NCAA national semifinal match against No. 1 Loyola (5/1).

2014 HONORS: Second Team All-EIVA ... EIVA Defensive Player of the Week (3/3) ... Active Ankle Challenge All-Tournament (3/15).

2015 SEASON HIGHS

Kills: 9, at Ball State (1/16)
Attacks: 19, at Ball State (1/16)
Hitting Percentage:316 (9-3-19) at Ball State (1/16)
Assists: N/A
Aces: 2, at IPFW (1/17)
Digs: 3, vs. Lewis (1/24)
Blocks: 3, 2x last at IPFW (1/17)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 12 at George Mason (3/1/14)
Attacks: 20 vs. UCLA (1/9/14)
Hitting Percentage:833 (8-3-12) vs. Sacred Hear (2/22/14)
Assists: 1, 3x, last vs. Ohio State (1/11/14)
Aces: 6 at George Mason (3/1/14)
Digs: 3, 2x last vs. Lewis (1/24/15)
Blocks: 8 vs. Princeton (2/23/13)



TAYLOR HAMMOND

Redshirt-Junior
Mission Viejo, Calif. •
Santa Margarita Catholic

6-4 • SETTER

2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Dished out 33 assists against No. 8 UC Irvine (1/8) ... Had 24 assists, two digs and a block at No. 10 Hawaii (1/9) ... Dished out a career-high 60 assists to go along with five digs at Ball State (1/16) ... Recorded a double-double with 47 assists and a career-high 14 digs vs. No. 1 Loyola (1/23).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Paced the squad to a .307 hitting clip in 2014, which closed out the season ranked eighth nationally and first in the conference ... Dished out 54 assists against No. 7 UCLA (1/9), adding five blocks ... Paced the Nittany Lions to a .325 hitting clip against No. 14 Hawaii, distributing 52 assists ... Posted four digs against No. 12 Ohio State (1/11), while also adding 44 assists ... Led the team to a .322 hitting clip against No. 14 IPFW (1/17), passing out 35 assists ... Had 40 assists and seven digs against Ball State (1/18) ... Dished out 32 assists against Saint Francis (2/1) ... Contributed four digs against No. 14 Ohio State (2/5), while also adding 47 assists ... Tallied 40 assists and six digs against Pfeiffer (2/8) ... Contributed one kill, 14 assists, and two digs against Rutgers-Newark (2/15) ... Recorded, 42 assists against Sacred Heart (2/21) ... Registered four digs and 31 assists against Harvard (2/22) ... Dished out 50 assists while adding four digs at Princeton (2/28) ... Distributed 49 assists to go along with five digs at George Mason (3/1) ... Passed out 44 assists at No. 14 Ohio State (3/7), adding nine digs ... Had four digs and 38 assists vs. CSUN (3/14) ... Totaled 36 assists and four digs at No. 2 LBSU (3/15) ... Dished out 41 assists and seven digs at No. 1 Loyola (3/21) ... Recorded 50 assists and 11 digs at No. 10 Lewis (3/22) for his first double-double of the season ... Tallied one four digs and 34 assists against George Mason (3/29) ... Recorded 38 assists and seven digs at No. 15 Harvard (4/4) ... Tallied 28 assists, four digs and two blocks at Sacred Heart ... Paced the team to a .388 hitting clip at Saint Francis (4/12), dishing out 54 assists ... Dished out 53 assists and six digs in the EIVA semis against GMU (4/24) ... Had 38 assists in the EIVA Championship against Princeton (4/26) ... Passed out a career-high 61 assists in the NCAA play-in match against Lewis (4/29) ... Logged 44 assists and five digs in the NCAA national semifinal match at No. 1 Loyola (5/1).

2014 HONORS: First Team All-EIVA



ZACK PARIK

Junior
Woodridge, Ill. •
Downers Grove North

6-4 • SETTER

2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Made his 2015 debut against No. 8 UC Irvine (1/8) ... Posted seven assists and one dig at No. 10 Hawaii (1/9) ... Had one ace at Ball State (1/16).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Saw action on the court against No. 7 UCLA (1/9) and at No. 14 Hawaii (1/10) ... Recorded one dig against No. 12 Ohio State (1/11) ... Played against No. 14 IPFW (1/17) and Ball State (1/18) ... Had three assists against Mount Olive (1/31) ... Tallied eight assists in the EIVA opener against Saint Francis (2/1) ... Played against No. 14 Ohio State (2/5) ... Dished out a career-high 22 assists against Erskine (2/7), adding three digs and one block ... Totaled one dig against Pfeiffer (2/8) ... Contributed 13 assists along with one block against NJIT (2/14) ... Recorded a team-high 17 assists and set a season high with one service ace and two blocks against Rutgers-Newark (2/15) ... Posted one dig against Harvard (2/22) ... Tallied one kill at Princeton (2/28) ... Saw action on the court at George Mason (3/1) and No. 14 Ohio State (3/7) ... Notched one dig vs. CSUN (3/14) ... Played at No. 2 LBSU (3/15) ... Saw action on the court at No. 1 Loyola (3/21) ... Collected one dig at No. 10 Lewis (3/22) ... Contributed one ace against Princeton (3/28) ... Collected one dig against George Mason (3/29) ... Played at No. 15 Harvard (4/4) ... Saw action on the court in the EIVA semifinals against George Mason (4/24) ... Played in the NCAA play-in match against Lewis (4/29) ... Registered two digs in the NCAA national semifinal match at No. 1 Loyola (5/1).

2015 SEASON HIGHS

Kills: 3, vs. Lewis (1/24)
Attacks: 4, vs. Lewis (1/24)
Hitting Percentage:750 (3-0-4), vs. Lewis (1/24)
Assists: 60, at Ball State (1/17)
Aces: N/A
Digs: 14, vs. Loyola (1/23)
Blocks: 1, 6x last vs. Lewis (1/24)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 3, 3x last vs. Lewis (1/24/15)
Attacks: 6 vs. Lewis (1/18/13)
Hitting Percentage:750 (3-0-4), vs. Lewis (1/24/15)
Assists: 60 at Ball State (1/17/15)
Aces: 2, at Saint Francis (3/23/13)
Digs: 14, vs. Loyola (1/23/15)
Blocks: 3, 5x last vs. Saint Francis (2/1/14)

2015 SEASON HIGHS

Kills: N/A
Attacks: N/A
Hitting Percentage: N/A
Assists: 7, at Hawaii (1/9)
Aces: 1, at Ball State (1/16)
Digs: 1, 2x last vs. Lewis (1/24)
Blocks: N/A

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 1, 2x, last at Princeton (2/28/14)
Attacks: 1, 3x last at Princeton (2/28/14)
Hitting Percentage: N/A
Assists: 22 vs. Erskine (2/7/14)
Aces: 2 at Rutgers-Newark (3/1/13)
Digs: 3, 2x last vs. Erskine (2/7/14)
Blocks: 2 vs. Rutgers-Newark (2/15/14)



SPENCER SAUTER

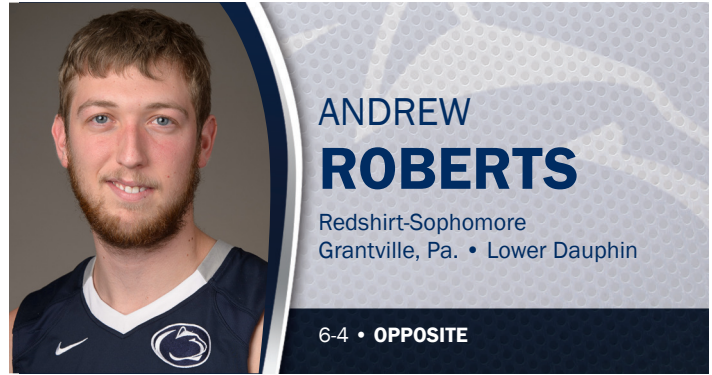
Redshirt-Sophomore
Woodridge, Ill. • Naperville North

6-7 • **OUTSIDE HITTER**

2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Had one ace and three blocks against No. 8 UC Irvine (1/8) ... Matched a career-high mark with seven kills on .462 hitting at No. 10 Hawaii (1/9), while also adding seven digs ... Had a career-high night with nine kills and 10 digs at Ball State (1/16) ... Recorded a career-high 14 kills against No. 1 Loyola, adding nine digs and a team-high five blocks.

2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Had one dig against No. 7 UCLA (1/9) ... Posted one kill and two digs at No. 14 Hawaii (1/10) ... Played against No. 12 Ohio State (1/11), No. 14 IPFW (1/17) and Ball State (1/18) ... Led the team with a career-high seven kills on .875 hitting against Mount Olive (1/31), adding one dig and three blocks ... Had one dig in the EIVA opener against Saint Francis (2/1) ... Played against No. 14 Ohio State (2/5) ... Had one kill and one block against Erskine (2/7) ... Played against Pfeiffer (2/8) ... Tallied six kills on .556 hitting, one ace and two digs against NJIT (2/14) ... Totaled five kills, two digs and one block against Rutgers-Newark (2/15) ... Saw action on the court at Princeton (2/28) and George Mason (3/1) ... Played at No. 1 Loyola (3/21) and at No. 10 Lewis (3/22) ... Saw action against George Mason (3/29) ... Competed against Sacred Heart (4/5) ... Posted four kills, one service ace, and two digs at Rutgers-Newark (4/18) ... Tallied one kill and two digs at NJIT (4/19).

2013 (Freshman): Redshirt season.



ANDREW ROBERTS

Redshirt-Sophomore
Grantville, Pa. • Lower Dauphin

6-4 • **OPPOSITE**

2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Tied for first on the team with a career-high two aces against No. 8 UC Irvine (1/8) ... Had one dig at No. 10 Hawaii (1/9) and at No. 13 IPFW (1/13).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Made his collegiate debut against Mount Olive (1/31) ... Played against Saint Francis (2/1) and No. 14 Ohio State (2/5) ... Saw action on the court against Erskine (2/7) and Pfeiffer (2/8) ... Posted one ace, two digs and one kill against NJIT (2/14) ... Tallied a career-high three kills as well as one dig and one block against Rutgers-Newark (2/15) ... Totaled one kill, one ace and one dig at No. 14 Ohio State (3/7) ... Recorded one ace vs. CSUN (3/14) ... Registered one dig at No. 2 LBSU (3/15) ... Saw action against No. 10 Lewis (3/22) ... Contributed one ace against Princeton (3/28) ... Collected one dig against George Mason (3/29) ... Played at No. 15 Harvard (4/4) ... Saw action on the court in the EIVA semifinals against George Mason (4/24) ... Played in the NCAA play-in match against Lewis (4/29).

2013 (Freshman): Redshirt season.

2015 SEASON HIGHS

Kills: 14, vs. Loyola (1/23)
Attacks: 36, vs. Loyola (1/23)
Hitting Percentage:294 (7-2-17), at Hawaii (1/9)
Assists: 1, 2x last vs. Loyola (1/23)
Aces: 1, 3x last vs. Loyola (1/23)
Digs: 10, at Ball State (1/16)
Blocks: 5, vs. Loyola (1/23)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 9, at Ball State (1/16/15)
Attacks: 36, vs. Loyola (1/23/15)
Hitting Percentage:294 (7-2-17), at Hawaii (1/9/15)
Assists: 1, 4x last vs. Loyola (1/23/15)
Aces: 1, 3x last vs. Loyola (1/23/15)
Digs: 10, at Ball State (1/16/15)
Blocks: 5, vs. Loyola (1/23/15)

2015 SEASON HIGHS

Kills: N/A
Attacks: N/A
Hitting Percentage: N/A
Assists: N/A
Aces: 2, vs. UC Irvine (1/8)
Digs: 1, 2x last at IPFW (1/17)
Blocks: N/A

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 3 vs. Rutgers-Newark (2/15/14)
Attacks: 5 vs. Rutgers-Newark (2/15/14)
Hitting Percentage:200 (3-2-5) vs. Rutgers-Newark (2/15/14)
Assists: 1, 2x last at Ohio State (3/7/14)
Aces: 2, vs. UC Irvine (1/8/15)
Digs: 2 vs. NJIT (2/14/14)
Blocks: 1, 2x, last vs. Rutgers-Newark (2/15)



MATT CALLAWAY

Redshirt-Sophomore
Wheaton, Ill. •
Wheaton Warrenville South

6-7 • MIDDLE HITTER/OPPOSITE



CHRIS NUGENT

Sophomore
Fair Lawn, N.J. • Fair Lawn

6-4 • OUTSIDE HITTER

2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Had three kills on .500 hitting and two blocks against No. 8 UC Irvine (1/8) ... Totaled five kills and a team-high four blocks at No. 10 Hawaii (1/9) ... Finished tied for second on the team with two blocks at No. 13 IPFW (1/17) ... Ranked second on the team with four blocks against No. 1 Loyola (1/23) ... Had a career-high 11 kills on .562 hitting against No. 2 Lewis (1/24).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Recorded six kills on 11 errorless swings against No. 7 UCLA (1/9), adding four digs and one block ... Tallied eight kills, one dig and a team-high three blocks against No. 14 Hawaii (1/10) ... Notched five kills one dig and three total blocks against No. 12 Ohio State (1/11) ... Logged seven kills on .500 hitting against No. 14 IPFW (1/17), adding two blocks ... Registered four kills and a career-high five blocks against Ball State (1/18) ... Posted five kills on .500 hitting against Mount Olive (1/31), adding a team-high six blocks ... Totaled three kills, one dig and three blocks against Saint Francis (2/1) ... Contributed seven kills with a .417 hitting percentage and seven blocks against No. 14 Ohio State ... Tallied four kills, one dig and two blocks against Erskine (2/7) ... Tied a career high with eight kills, adding six blocks against NJIT (2/14) ... Recorded five kills and four blocks against Sacred Heart (2/21) ... Totaled five kills, two digs and three blocks against Harvard (2/22) ... Tallied six kills, at Princeton (2/28) ... Contributed five kills at George Mason (3/1) ... Posted four kills at No. 14 Ohio State (3/7) ... Recorded three kills and two blocks vs. CSUN (3/14) ... Registered seven kills and two digs at No. 2 LBSU (3/15) ... Posted seven kills at No. 1 Loyola (3/21) ... Tallied four kills at No. 10 Lewis (3/22) ... Recorded three kills and three blocks at No. 15 Harvard (4/4) ... Tallied three blocks at Sacred Heart (4/5) ... Notched six kills at Saint Francis (4/12) ... Posted three kills, one service ace, and three blocks at NJIT (4/19) ... Notched three digs and a team-high four blocks in the EIVA semis against GMU (4/24) ... Posted three digs and two blocks in the EIVA championship against Princeton (4/26) ... Logged six kills and a team-high five blocks in the NCAA play-in match against Lewis (4/29).

2014 HONORS: Off the Block Blog National Freshman of the Week (2/17) ... Active Ankle All-Tournament (3/15).

2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Had two kills on .333 hitting against No. 8 UC Irvine (1/8) ... Played at No. 10 Hawaii (1/9) ... Had a career-high five kills at No. 13 IPFW (1/17).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Made his collegiate debut on the court against No. 7 UCLA (1/9) ... Had two kills against Mount Olive (1/31) ... Had one kill against NJIT (2/14) ... Recorded four kills against Rutgers-Newark (2/15) ... Posted one kill and two digs at No. 14 Ohio State (3/7) ... Pounded three kills and two digs at No. 2 LBSU (3/15) ... Posted seven kills, one ace, one dig, and two blocks at Rutgers-Newark (4/18) ... Recorded two kills, two digs, and two blocks at NJIT (4/19) ... Played in the NCAA play-in match against Lewis (4/29).

2015 SEASON HIGHS

Kills: 11, vs. Lewis (1/24)
Attacks: 16, vs. Lewis (1/24)
Hitting Percentage:562 (11-2-16), vs. Lewis (1/24)
Assists: 2, vs. Lewis (1/24)
Aces: N/A
Digs: 1, 4x last vs. Lewis (1/24)
Blocks: 4, 2x last vs. Lewis (1/24)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 11, vs. Lewis (1/24/15)
Attacks: 17 at Hawaii (1/10/15)
Hitting Percentage:625 (6-1-8) at Princeton (2/28/14)
Assists: 2, 3x last vs. Lewis (1/24/15)
Aces: 1 at NJIT (4/19/14)
Digs: 4 vs. UCLA (1/9/14)
Blocks: 7 vs. Ohio State (2/5/14)

2015 SEASON HIGHS

Kills: 5, at IPFW (1/17)
Attacks: 16, at IPFW (1/17)
Hitting Percentage:333 (2-1-3), vs. UC Irvine (1/8)
Assists: 1, at IPFW (1/17)
Aces: N/A
Digs: 2, at IPFW (1/17)
Blocks: N/A

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 5, at IPFW (1/17/15)
Attacks: 16, at IPFW (1/17/15)
Hitting Percentage:200 (3-2-5) vs. Rutgers-Newark (2/15/14)
Assists: 1, 2x last at Ohio State (3/7/14)
Aces: 1, 3x last vs. CSUN (3/14/14)
Digs: 2, 2x last at IPFW (1/17/15)
Blocks: 1, 2x, last vs. Rutgers-Newark(2/15)

PENN STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL



**JALEN
PENROSE**
Redshirt-Freshman
Cambridge, Mass. •
Cambridge Rindge and Latin School
6-7 • **OUTSIDE HITTER**

2015 HIGHLIGHTS: Had one kill in his collegiate debut vs. No. 8 UC Irvine (1/8) ... Had one dig at Ball State (1/16) and Three kills and one dig at No. 13 IPFW (1/17).

2014 (Freshman): Redshirt season.



**KEVIN
GEAR**
Redshirt-Freshman
Rochester, N.Y. • Gates-Chili
6-7 • **MIDDLE BLOCKER**

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


2013 (Freshman): Redshirt season.

2015 SEASON HIGHS

Kills: 3, at IPFW (1/17)
Attacks: 8, at IPFW (1/17)
Hitting Percentage: N/A
Assists: N/A
Aces: N/A
Digs: 1, 2x last at IPFW (1/17)
Blocks: N/A

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 3, at IPFW (1/17/15)
Attacks: 8, at IPFW (1/17/15)
Hitting Percentage: N/A
Assists: N/A
Aces: N/A
Digs: 1, 2x last at IPFW (1/17/15)
Blocks: N/A



**AIDAN
ALBRECHT**
Redshirt-Freshman
Old Bridge, N.J. • Old Bridge
6-8 • **OPPOSITE**

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

2014 (Freshman): Redshirt season.

MEET THE NEWCOMERS

LEE SMITH

OH | Freshman | Sewickley, Pa.

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

HIGH SCHOOL

Helped guide high school team (Ambridge) to WPIAL titles in 2012 and 2013 as well as a second-place finish in the 2013 PIAA tournament and a third-place finish at the 2012 PIAA tournament ... 2012 team captain and three-time MVP from 2011-13 at Ambridge ... Played club with Beaver Valley Premier ... Has also played at USAV High Performance championships earning three silver medals at the national division ... Competed in 2013 Boys' Youth National volleyball training camp after playing on the 2012 team that competed in the 2012 NORCECA Boys' Youth Continental Championship.

ROYCE CLEMENS

L | Freshman | York, Pa.

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

HIGH SCHOOL

Earned Pennsylvania District 3-AAA and PIAA all-star honors in 2012 ... Led York Central to a PIAA championship in 2012.

MATTHEW McLAREN

OH | Freshman | Aurora, Colo.

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

HIGH SCHOOL

Led his high school team, Cherokee Trail, to a state title in 2014.

PARKER THOMPSON

L | Freshman | State College, Pa.

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

HIGH SCHOOL

Played high school volleyball at State College High School in State College ... Had 40 digs against Norwin in the Mid-Penn Commonwealth Division of District Six playoffs to advance to the quarterfinals of the PIAA boys' volleyball tournament.

PENN STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Penn State Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 25, 2015) All matches

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	0-6	0-2	0-3	0-1
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-6	0-2	0-3	0-1

#	Player	sp	Attack				Set		Serve			Dig		Blocking					points			
			k	k/s	e	ta	pct	a	a/s	sa	se	sa/s	re	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total		blk/s	be	bhe
17	Callaway, Matt	25	33	1.32	6	61	.443	4	0.16	0	7	0.00	0	4	0.16	0	14	14	0.56	1	0	40.0
8	Russell, Aaron	25	118	4.72	33	239	.356	3	0.12	13	18	0.52	12	43	1.72	3	7	10	0.40	3	0	137.5
11	Sauter, Spencer	21	34	1.62	17	104	.163	2	0.10	3	7	0.14	7	35	1.67	1	12	13	0.62	1	0	44.0
18	Seifert, Matt	25	26	1.04	16	63	.159	1	0.04	5	14	0.20	1	8	0.32	1	12	13	0.52	0	0	38.0
4	Goodell, Nick	25	85	3.40	52	231	.143	3	0.12	4	19	0.16	0	47	1.88	2	8	10	0.40	1	0	95.0
1	Hammond, Taylor	25	3	0.12	2	9	.111	256	10.24	0	3	0.00	1	40	1.60	0	5	5	0.20	1	1	5.5
2	Parik, Zack	20	0	0.00	0	0	.000	8	0.40	1	1	0.05	0	2	0.10	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
3	Curry, Connor	25	0	0.00	0	0	.000	19	0.76	0	0	0.00	13	54	2.16	0	0	0	0.00	0	2	0.0
7	Roberts, Andrew	12	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	2	4	0.17	0	2	0.17	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	2.0
10	Nugent, Chris	8	7	0.88	8	20	-.050	1	0.12	0	2	0.00	3	2	0.25	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	7.0
14	Penrose, Jalen	8	4	0.50	5	11	-.091	0	0.00	0	2	0.00	0	2	0.25	0	0	0	0.00	2	0	4.0
	#TM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	PENN STATE	25	310	12.40	139	738	.232	297	11.88	28	77	1.12	37	239	9.56	7	58	36.0	1.44	9	3	374.0
	Opponents	25	334	13.36	92	700	.346	310	12.40	37	92	1.48	28	242	9.68	8	132	74.0	2.96	14	3	445.0

Team Statistics	PSU	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	310	334
Errors	139	92
Total Attacks	738	700
Attack Pct	.232	.346
Kills/Set	12.4	13.4
SET		
Assists	297	310
Assists/Set	11.9	12.4
SERVE		
Aces	28	37
Errors	77	92
Aces/Set	1.1	1.5
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	37	28
Errors/Set	1.5	1.1
DEFENSE		
Digs	239	242
Digs/Set	9.6	9.7
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	7	8
Block Assist	58	132
Total Blocks	36.0	74.0
Blocks/Set	1.4	3.0
Block Errors	9	14
Ball handling errors	3	3
ATTENDANCE		
Total	1552	5722
Dates/Avg Per Date	2/776	3/1907
Neutral site #/Avg	1/0	
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-

Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	Att.
Jan 08	vs #8 UC Irvine	L 2-3	17-25,18-25,25-18,25-22,7-15	0
Jan 09	at #10 Hawai'i	L 0-3	24-26,19-25,18-25	2893
Jan 16	at Ball State	L 2-3	31-29,25-22,24-26,19-25,12-15	1513
Jan 17	at #13 IPFW	L 1-3	26-24,20-25,21-25,19-25	1316
Jan 23	#1 LOYOLA	L 1-3	26-28,24-26,25-23,21-25	902
Jan 24	#2 LEWIS	L 1-3	18-25,25-18,22-25,20-25	650

Record in 3-set matches: 0-1
 Record in 4-set matches: 0-3
 Record in 5-set matches: 0-2

PENN STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

2015 SCHEDULE & RESULTS (0-6, 0-0 EIVA)

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	SET SCORES	SITE	ATT.	RECORD	TIME
1/8	#8 UC Irvine@	L	3-2	17-25, 18-25, 25-18, 25-22, 15-7	Honolulu, Hawaii	---	0-1	2:08
1/9	#10 Hawaii@	L	3-0	24-26, 19-25, 18-25	Honolulu, Hawaii	2,750	0-2	2:10
1/16	Ball State	L	3-2	31-29, 25-22, 24-26, 19-25, 12-15	Muncie, Ind.	1,513	0-3	2:31
1/17	#13 IPFW	L	3-1	26-24, 20-25, 21-25, 19-25	Fort Wayne, Ind.	1,316	0-4	2:00
1/23	#1 Loyola	L	3-1	26-27, 24-26, 25-23, 21-25	University Park, Pa.	902	0-5	2:07
1/24	#2 Lewis	L	3-1	18-25, 25-18, 22-25, 20-25	University Park, Pa.	650	0-6	1:54

@ - indicates match played at the Outrigger Invitational in Honolulu, Hawaii

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER MATCH-BY-MATCH HIGHS

DATE	OPPONENT	KILLS	ATTACKS	ASSISTS	DIGS	TOTAL BLOCKS
Jan. 8	No. 8 UC Irvine	Russell - 19	Russell - 35	Hammond - 33	Russell - 9	Sauter - 3 Seifert - 3
Jan. 9	No. 10 Hawaii	Goodell - 14	Goodell - 32	Hammond - 24	Russell - 8	Callaway - 4
Jan. 16	Ball State	Russell - 32	Russell - 57	Hammond - 60	Curry - 17	Seifert - 3 Russell - 3
Jan. 17	No. 13 IPFW	Russell - 20	Russell - 32	Hammond - 40	Curry - 9	Goodell - 3
Jan. 23	No. 1 Loyola	Goodell - 19	Goodell - 53	Hammond - 47	Curry - 12	Sauter - 5
Jan. 24	No. 2 Lewis	Russell - 23	Goodell - 45	Hammond - 52	Russell - 9 Sauter - 9	Sauter - 2

TOTALS (INCLUDING TIES)

Russell - 4	Russell - 3	Hammond - 6	Russell - 3	Sauter - 3
Goodell - 2	Goodell - 3		Curry - 2	Seifert - 2
			Sauter - 2	Callaway - 1
				Russell - 1
				Goodell - 1

TEAM MATCH-BY-MATCH STAT COMPARISON

DATE	OPPONENT	SETS	KILLS	HITTING %	ACES	DIGS	TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS	TOTAL PTS SCORED*
Jan. 8	UC Irvine/PSU	5	57/39	.352/.140	9/7	29/27	13.0/7.0	79.0/53.0
Jan. 9	Hawaii/PSU	3	37/41	.322/.170	4/4	34/33	7.5/9.0	54.0/48.5
Jan. 16	Ball State/PSU	5	66/68	.331/.265	8/5	52/54	13.0/6.5	87.0/79.5
Jan. 17	IPFW/PSU	4	51/46	.430/.242	8/6	28/26	12.5/5.5	71.5/57.5
Jan. 23	Loyola/PSU	4	62/58	.287/.226	5/2	58/54	14.0/7.5	81.0/67.5
Jan. 24	Lewis/PSU	4	57/62	.380/.303	3/4	41/45	12.5/2.0	72.5/68.0

2015 PENN STATE SUPERLATIVES

THREE SETS	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Kills:	14 - Nick Goodell at Hawaii (1/9)	37 - at Hawaii (1/9)
Attacks:	32 - Nick Goodell at Hawaii (1/9)	97 - at Hawaii (1/9)
Attack Percentage*:	.294 (7-2-17) - Spencer Sauter at Hawaii (1/9)	.175 (37-20-97) - at Hawaii (1/9)
Assists:	24 - Taylor Hammond at Hawaii (1/9)	37 - at Hawaii (1/9)
Aces:	3 - Aaron Russell at Hawaii (1/9)	4 - at Hawaii (1/9)
Digs:	8 - Aaron Russell at Hawaii (1/9)	33 - at Hawaii (1/9)
Solo Blocks:	1 - Aaron Russell at Hawaii (1/9)	1 - at Hawaii (1/9)
Block Assists:	4 - Matt Callaway at Hawaii (1/9)	13 - at Hawaii (1/9)
Total Blocks:	4 - Matt Callaway at Hawaii (1/9)	7.5 - at Hawaii (1/9)

FOUR SETS	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Kills:	23 - Aaron Russell vs. Lewis (1/24)	62 - vs. Lewis (1/24)
Attacks:	44 - Aaron Russell vs. Lewis (1/24)	155 - vs. Loyola (1/23)
Attack Percentage*:	.562 (11-2-16) Matt Callaway vs. Lewis (1/24)	.303 (62-22-132) vs. Lewis (1/23)
Assists:	52 - Taylor Hammond vs. Lewis (1/24)	60 - vs. Lewis (1/23)
Aces:	3 - Aaron Russell vs. Lewis (1/24)	6 - at IPFW (1/17)
Digs:	12 - Connor Curry vs. Loyola (1/23)	54 - vs. Loyola (1/23)
Solo Blocks:	1, 2x last - Spencer Sauter vs. Loyola (1/23)	2 - at IPFW (1/17)
Block Assists:	4 - Spencer Sauter and Matt Seifert vs. Loyola (1/23)	13 - vs. Loyola (1/23)
Total Blocks:	5 - Spencer Sauter vs. Loyola (1/23)	7.5 - vs. Loyola (1/23)

FIVE SETS	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Kills:	32 - Aaron Russell at Ball State (1/16)	68 - at Ball State (1/16)
Attacks:	57 - Aaron Russell at Ball State (1/16)	155 - at Ball State (1/16)
Attack Percentage*:	.439 (32-7-57) - Aaron Russell at Ball State (1/16)	.265 (68-27-155) at Ball State (1/16)
Assists:	60 - Taylor Hammond - at Ball State (1/16)	65 - at Ball State (1/16)
Aces:	3 - Aaron Russell at Ball State (1/16)	5 - at Ball State (1/16)
Digs:	17 - Connor Curry at Ball State (1/16)	54 - at Ball State (1/16)
Solo Blocks:	1, 2x last - Aaron Russel & Nick Goodell at Ball State (1/16)	2 - at Ball State (1/16)
Block Assists:	3, 2x last - Matt Seifert at Ball State (1/16)	13 - vs. UC Irvine (1/8)
Total Blocks:	3, 2x last - Matt Seifert at Ball State (1/16)	7.5 - vs. UC Irvine (1/8)

2015 OPPONENT SUPERLATIVES

THREE SETS	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Kills:	15 - Sinisa Zarkovic, Hawaii (1/9)	41 - Hawaii (1/9)
Attacks:	34 - Sinisa Zarkovic, Hawaii (1/9)	90 - Hawaii (1/9)
Attack Percentage*:	.462 (7-1-13) - Taylor Averill, Hawaii (1/9)	.322 (41-12-90) - Hawaii (1/9)
Assists:	33 - J. Franciskovic, Hawaii (1/9)	39 - Hawaii (1/9)
Aces:	2 - Brook Sedore & Kuponi Fey, Hawaii (1/9)	4 - Hawaii (1/9)
Digs:	12 - Kolby Kanetake, Hawaii (1/9)	34 - Hawaii (1/9)
Solo Blocks:	2 - Sinisa Zarkovic, Hawaii (1/9)	2 - Hawaii (1/9)
Block Assists:	6 - Davis Holt, Hawaii (1/9)	14 - Hawaii (1/9)
Total Blocks:	6 - Davis Holt, Hawaii (1/9)	9.0 - Hawaii (1/9)

FOUR SETS	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Kills:	21 - Thomas Jaeschke, Loyola (1/23)	62 - Loyola (1/23)
Attacks:	53 - Thomas Jaeschke, Loyola (1/23)	143 - Loyola (1/23)
Attack Percentage*:	.643 (10-1-14) - Nicholas Olson, Loyola (1/23)	.430 (51-11-93) - IPFW (1/17)
Assists:	51 - Peter Hutz, Loyola (1/23)	57 - Loyola (1/23)
Aces:	2, 2x last - Nicholas Olson, Loyola (1/23)	8 - IPFW (1/17)
Digs:	14 - Cody Caldwell, Loyola (1/23)	58 - Loyola (1/23)
Solo Blocks:	1, 5x last - Nicholas Olson & Jeff Jendryk, Loyola (1/23)	2, 2x last - Lewis (1/24)
Block Assists:	8 - Ramon Burgos, IPFW (1/17)	24 - Loyola (1/23)
Total Blocks:	8 - Ramon Burgos, IPFW (1/17)	14.0 - Loyola (1/23)

FIVE SETS	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Kills:	17, 3x last - Shane Witmer, Ball State (1/16)	66 - Ball State (1/16)
Attacks:	39 - Shane Witmer, Ball State (1/16)	145 - Ball State (1/16)
Attack Percentage*:	.545 (7-1-11) Matt Walsh, Ball State (1/16)	.352 - UC Irvine (1/8)
Assists:	56 - Hiago Garchet, Ball State (1/16)	60 - Ball State (1/16)
Aces:	6 - Brendan Surane, Ball State (1/16)	9 - UC Irvine (1/8)
Digs:	17 - David Vander Meer, Ball State (1/16)	52 - Ball State (1/16)
Solo Blocks:	1 - Matt Sutherland, Ball State (1/16)	1 - Ball State (1/16)
Block Assists:	8, 2x last - Matt Walsh, Ball State (1/16)	24 - Ball State (1/16)
Total Blocks:	8, 2x last - Matt Walsh, Ball State (1/16)	13.0, 2x last - Ball State (1/16)

* a minimum of six kills required for individual attack percentage ** rally-scoring-era school record