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**PENN STATE  
NITTANY LIONS**  
(24-24) (6-11)



**Rutgers  
Scarlet Knights**  
(26-14) (10-7)

Friday, Apr. 24-Sunday, Apr. 26, 2015 // Nittany Lion Softball Park & Beard Field // University Park, Pa.

### GAMEDAY CENTRAL

PSU	BY THE NUMBERS	RU
252.....	RUNS .....	238
246.....	RUNS ALLOWED .....	215
232.....	RUNS BATTED IN .....	212
41.....	HOME RUNS.....	40
.303.....	BATTING AVG.....	.313
.461.....	SLUGGING PCT.....	.491
.384.....	ON-BASE PCT.....	.405
114.....	EXTRA BASE HITS .....	116
143.....	WALKS .....	155
17.....	STEALS .....	22
.966.....	FIELDING PCT.....	.962
48.....	ERRORS.....	44
4.48.....	ERA.....	2.66
.300.....	BATTING AVG. AGAINST .....	.300
195.....	STRIKEOUTS .....	200
173.....	WALKS ALLOWED.....	119
3.....	SHUTOUTS.....	3

### SERIES HISTORY vs. RUTGERS

The Nittany Lions lead the series 22-20, with this being the teams' first meeting as Big Ten foes. The Scarlet Knights have won the last two meetings, including a 4-3 decision in 2014. Rutgers also won in 2012. Penn State's last win in the series was a 10-0 result in 2005, the last in a four-game win streak in the series. The teams first met on April 5, 1980, with Rutgers winning 7-2.

### SCOUTING THE SCARLET KNIGHTS

Rutgers is 26-14 overall and 10-7 in Big Ten play. Last weekend, Rutgers went 1-2 at Ohio State, dropping Friday/s contest, but splitting a doubleheader on Saturday. Rutgers swept Maryland during a Tuesday twin bill, winning 6-5 in the first contest and 11-3 in the second.

Jackie Bates leads the Scarlet Knights' lineup. Bates is hitting a team-best .389, with 16 home runs and 44 RBI. She also has 11 doubles and three triples, while slugging .905. Jordan Whitley is batting .379, while having driven in 24 runs. Whitley also has seven stolen bases. Bates and Whitley are two of seven Scarlet Knights hitting above .300.

Alyssa Landrith anchors the Rutgers' pitching staff. She is 14-8 this season in 24 appearances, including 19 starts and 13 complete games. She has a 3.29 ERA in 134 innings pitched, striking out 116 and walking 55. Shayla Sweeney has a 5-2 record and 5.01 ERA in 64.1 innings pitched, while Dresden Maddox has a 7-4 mark with a 6.65 ERA in 66.1 innings pitched. Maddox has struck out 52 batters.

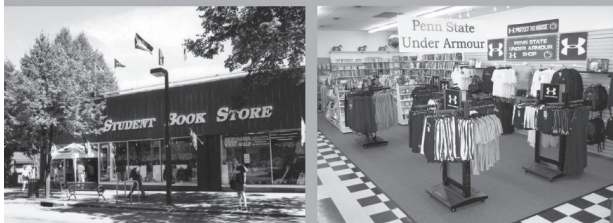
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### QUICK HITS

- The Nittany Lions will have hit 40 in a season for the first time since 2013. They have sent 41 over the fence. Shots by Macy Jones and Alyssa VanDerveer on Wednesday put Penn State over the 40 mark.
- The power trio of Alyssa VanDerveer, Kristina Brackpool and Macy Jones have accounted for 31 of Penn State's 41 home runs this season, over 75 percent. VanDerveer leads the bunch with 12 while Jones has 10 and Brackpool has hit nine.
- This is the first time in program history that Penn State has had two players hit 10 or more home runs in the same season. Brackpool could add a third player to that mix with her next dinger.
- Macy Jones has the unique distinction of being the leader in at least one of her team's offensive and pitching categories as she is tops in Runs (39), total bases (94) and slugging percentage (.657). She also has the lowest earned run average among the pitching staff at 3.00.

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### Penn State Softball Facts // Did You Know...??

This will be the first Big Ten meeting between Penn State and Rutgers, but not the first conference game. Both schools competed in the Atlantic 10, with the teams playing annually from 1983 until 1991. Penn State began playing a Big Ten schedule in 1992.

### BY THE NUMBERS

PSU	OFFENSIVE LEADERS	RU
Knief, .411.....	BA.....	Bates, .389
Knief, 62.....	HITS.....	Whitley, 50
Jones, 39.....	RUNS.....	Bates, 48
Brackpool, 42.....	RBI.....	Bates, 44
Jones, .657.....	SLG.....	Bates, .905
Knief, .470.....	OBP.....	Bates, .519
VanDerveer, 12.....	HR.....	Bates, 16
VanDerveer, 25.....	BB.....	Bates, 29
Three tied, 3.....	STEALS.....	Whitley, 7

PSU	PITCHING LEADERS	RU
Laubach, 10.....	WINS.....	Landrith, 14
Jones, 3.00.....	ERA.....	Landrith, 3.29
Laubach, .284.....	BAA.....	Landrith, .265
Laubach, 74.....	K.....	Landrith, 116
Laubach, 121.1.....	IP.....	Landrith, 134
Laubach, 8.....	CG.....	Landrith, 13

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## 2015 SOFTBALL



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### PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS (24-24, 6-11 B1G)

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	B/T	Hometown/High School/High School
1	Jessica Cummings	P	Fr.	5-8	L/R	Owings, Md./Northern
2	Erin Pond	UTL	Jr.	5-2	R/R	Lagrange, Ohio/Keystone
3	Macy Jones	OF/P	Jr.	5-4	L/L	Ashburn, Va./Briar Woods
4	Marissa Diescher	P	Sr.	5-10	R/R	Livingston Manor, N.Y./Livingston Manor Central
5	Christy Von Pusch	P	Jr.	5-10	R/R	Bryn Mawr, Pa./Radnor
7	Marlaina Laubach	P	So.	5-10	R/R	Northampton, Pa./Northampton
8	Reina Furuya	INF	Jr.	5-7	R/R	Waipahu, Hawaii/Punahou
10	Lexi Knief	OF	Jr.	5-6	L/R	Ramsey, N.J./Ramsey
11	Sam Shanahan	INF	So.	5-5	R/R	Seattle, Wash./Bishop Blanchet
12	Megan Tupinio	INF/OF	Jr.	5-4	L/R	Wahiawa, Hawaii/Leilehua
13	Mia Monpoli	C	R-Fr.	5-4	R/R	San Francisco, Calif./Acalanes
15	Rebecca Ziegler	OF	Fr.	5-5	L/R	Tucson, Ariz./Canyon del Oro
18	Alicia Walker	OF	Sr.	5-6	R/R	Los Alamitos, Calif./Los Alamitos
21	Gianna Arrizurieta	INF	Fr.	5-6	R/R	Pembroke Pines, Fla./American Heritage
22	Mollie Sorenson	INF	Fr.	5-5	L/R	Stevenson Ranch, Calif./West Ranch
24	Mary Ward	OF	So.	5-3	L/L	Greencastle, Pa./Greencastle-Antrim
25	Meghan Bradley	OF	Sr.	5-7	L/L	Santa Monica, Calif./Santa Monica
28	Shannon Good	OF	Jr.	5-7	R/R	Horseheads, N.Y./Horseheads
41	Alyssa VanDerveer	C	Fr.	5-5	R/R	Hillsborough, N.J./Hillsborough
52	Kristina Brackpool	INF	So.	5-8	R/R	Valencia, Calif./Valencia
77	Shelby Miller	INF	So.	5-8	L/R	Sugar Land, Texas/Kempner

**Head Coach:** Amanda Lehotak (2nd season; Nebraska-Omaha '03)  
**Assistant Coaches:** Megan Gibson (2nd season; Texas A&M '08), Joe Guthrie (2nd season; Alabama '01)

### RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS (26-14, 10-7 B1G)

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	B/T	Hometown/High School
1	Jacqueline Kott	3B/OF	Fr.	R/R	Burlington, N.J./Burlington Township
3	Stephanie Huang	IF/UT	Jr.	L/R	Paramus, N.J./Paramus
4	Danielle Petrone	C/OF	Fr.	R/R	Wall, N.J./Wall Township
5	Meaghan Wells	2B	Fr.	R/R	Piscataway, N.J./Piscataway
6	Chandler Howard	OF	Sr.	L/L	North Wilmington, Del.
7	Rebecca Hall	1B	Fr.	L/R	Fairfax, Va./Fairfax
8	Alyssa Landrith	P	Sr.	L/L	Vacaville, Calif./Vacaville
9	Dresden Maddox	P	Jr.	R/R	Kennesaw, Ga./Harrison
10	Bridget Carr	1B	So.	R/R	Peguannock, N.J./Peguannock
12	Shayla Sweeney	P	So.	R/R	Barrington, N.J./Haddon Heights
13	Jordan Whitley	IF	Jr.	L/R	Clayton, Del./Smyrna
14	Jackie Bates	OF	Sr.	R/R	Lincroft, N.J./Middletown South
16	Melanie Slowinski	IF	Jr.	R/R	Severn, Md./Glen Burnie
17	Sierra Maddox	C/3B	Fr.	R/R	Kennesaw, Ga./Harrison
21	Aubrie Levine	P/1B	So.	R/R	Yorba Linda, Calif./Yorba Linda
27	Elizabeth Adams	C/UT	Jr.	R/R	Crystal Lake, Ill./Crystal Lake South
34	Dana Hendry	C/OF	So.	R/R	Yorba Linda, Calif./Yorba Linda
35	Carly Todd	IF/OF	So.	R/R	Deptford, N.J./Gloucester Catholic

**Head Coach:** Jay Nelson (9th Season)  
**Assistant Coach:** Misty Beaver (9th Season)  
**Assistant Coach:** Lindsey Curran (2nd Season)  
**Volunteer Assistant:** Mark Lawrence (7th Season)

### 2015 SCHEDULE

#### FEBRUARY

Fri. 6	! vs. Arkansas	W, 6-4
Sat. 7	! vs. LIU Brooklyn	W, 9-1 (5)
Sat. 7	! vs. Georgia Tech	W, 3-2
Sun. 8	! vs. Kansas	L, 0-8 (5)
Sun. 8	! at Florida Atlantic	L, 0-7
Fri. 13	# vs. Missouri State	W, 4-3
Fri. 13	# at #22 Texas A&M	L, 0-8 (5)
Sat. 14	# vs. Missouri State	W, 6-1
Sat. 14	# at #22 Texas A&M	W, 4-3 (8)
Sun. 15	# vs. Eastern Michigan	L, 1-2
Sat. 21	at Mississippi State	L, 3-9
Sat. 21	at Mississippi State	L, 5-10 (6)
Sun. 22	at Mississippi State	L, 2-10 (5)
Fri. 27	^ vs. Fordham	W, 6-1
Fri. 27	^ vs. Missouri	L, 7-11 (8)

#### MARCH

Sun. 1	^ vs. Western Illinois	W, 6-2
Sun. 1	^ vs. James Madison	L, 1-2 (8)
Tue. 10	at Pacific	L, 1-2
Tue. 10	at Pacific	W, 2-1
Thu. 12	% vs. Grand Canyon	L, 1-4
Thu. 12	% at Sacramento State	L, 1-6
Fri. 13	% vs. Loyola Marymount	W, 1-0
Sat. 14	% at Sacramento State	W, 9-1 (6)
Sat. 14	% vs. Loyola Marymount	W, 4-0
Wed. 18	PITTSBURGH	W, 3-1
Sat. 21	* NORTHWESTERN	L, 0-10 (5)
Sat. 21	* NORTHWESTERN	L, 5-13
Sun. 22	* NORTHWESTERN	L, 4-5 (8)
Wed. 25	ROBERT MORRIS	W, 2-0
Wed. 25	ROBERT MORRIS	W, 9-1
Sat. 28	* at Michigan State	W, 7-4
Sat. 28	* at Michigan State	W, 11-10
Sun. 29	* at Michigan State	L, 6-8

#### APRIL

Wed. 1	BUCKNELL	W, 9-8
Wed. 1	BUCKNELL	W, 13-1 (5)
Fri. 3	* at Wisconsin	W, 11-8
Fri. 3	* at Wisconsin	L, 13-14
Sat. 4	* at Wisconsin	W, 15-5 (5)
Fri. 10	* INDIANA	L, 3-9
Sat. 11	* INDIANA	L, 4-5
Sun. 12	* INDIANA	L, 4-7
Wed. 15	* OHIO STATE	W, 7-6
Wed. 15	* OHIO STATE	W, 11-6
Fri. 17	* at Maryland	L, 6-8
Sat. 18	* at Maryland	L, 6-7
Sat. 19	* at Maryland	L, 3-5
Wed. 22	ST. FRANCIS (Pa.)	L, 4-5
Wed. 22	ST. FRANCIS (Pa.)	W, 14-2
Fri. 24	* RUTGERS	6:00 p.m.
Sat. 25	* RUTGERS	3:00 p.m.
Sat. 26	* RUTGERS	1:00 p.m.
Tue. 28	at Pittsburgh	6:00 p.m.

#### MAY

Fri. 1	* at Michigan	6:00 p.m.
Sat. 2	* at Michigan	2:00 p.m.
Sun. 3	* at Michigan	1:00 p.m.
Thu. 7	~ B1G Tournament	Opening Round
Fri. 8	~ B1G Tournament	Quarterfinals
Sat. 9	~ B1G Tournament	Championship

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Reina Furuya	RAIN-uh fa-ROO-yah
Lexi Knief	kuh-NEEF
Marlaina Laubach	LAW-bok
Amanda Lehotak	leh-HOE-tack
Maegan Tupinio	two-PEEN-ee-yo
Christy Von Pusch	von POOSH
Rebecca Ziegler	ZEE-Glur



### SERIES HISTORY vs. RUTGERS

<b>All-Time Series</b>	PSU leads 22-20 (.524)
PSU Streak	L2
First Meeting	3/27/90, W, 2-1
Last Meeting	3/14/14, L, 4-3
Last PSU Win	3/12/05, W, 10-0

### Previous Five Meetings

3/14/14	N	L	4-3
3/11/12	N	L	9-0
3/12/05	N	W	10-0
3/8/03	N	W	8-0
3/26/00	N	W	6-5



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