



# 2021 PENN STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

FEBRUARY 26-27 | MATCHES 11-12



**#10 PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS**  
HEAD COACH: MARK PAVLIK  
(8-2, 5-1 EIVA)

VS.



**#12 GEORGE MASON PATRIOTS**  
HEAD COACH: JAY HOSACK  
(7-1, 4-0 EIVA)

## 2021 PENN STATE ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	YR.	HT.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
1	Luke Snyder	S	Fr.	6-3	Manhattan Beach, Calif. / Mira Costa High School
2	Tim Herget	L/OH	So.	6-2	Darien, Conn. / Darien High School
3	Jack Shampine	OH	So.	6-5	Glenview, Ill. / Glenbrook South High School
4	Michael Valenzi	OH	Fr.	6-2	Boca Raton, Fla. / Cardinal Gibbons High School
5	Mitch Tucker	OH	Fr.	6-6	Fairport, N.Y. / Fairport High School
6	Cole Bogner	S	Jr.	6-3	Chesapeake, Va. / Hickory High School
7	Bogdan Ivanov	OPP	Fr.	6-8	Boston, Mass. / Boston Latin
8	Michal Kowal	OH	Fr.	6-2	Rzeszów, Poland / AKS Resovia Rzeszów
9	John Kerr	OH	So.	6-6	Derry, Pa. / Derry Area High School
10	Gabe Hartke	OH	So.	6-4	Barrington, Ill. / Barrington Community HS
11	Jack Driscoll	S/OPP	So.	6-4	Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y. / Sachem North
12	Brett Wildman	OH	Jr.	6-5	Virginia Beach, Va. / Frank W. Cox
13	Andrew Watts	MB	So.	6-7	Northport, N.Y. / Northport High School
14	Sam Marsh	MB	Jr.	6-6	London, England / Southgate School
15	Canyon Tuman	MB	Jr.	6-6	Sewickley, Pa. / North Allegheny High School
16	Ian Argento	MB	Fr.	6-9	Seymour, Conn. / Saint Joseph High School
17	Will Kuhns	OH	Fr.	6-3	Greensburg, Pa. / Hempfield Area High School
18	Toby Ezeonu	MB	Fr.	6-7	North Brunswick, N.J. / North Brunswick Township HS
19	Cal Fisher	OPP/OH	Jr.	6-3	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Riverview High School
20	Will Bantle	L	R-Jr.	6-5	Pacific Palisades, Calif. / Loyola High School

**Head Coach:** Mark Pavlik (27th season, 592-207 record)  
**Associate Head Coach:** Colin McMillan (14th season)  
**Assistant Coach:** Ryan Walthall (5th season)  
**Returners (starters)/lost (starters lost):** 12 (5) / 8 (4)  
**Key Returners:** OH Brett Wildman, L Will Bantle, S Cole Bogner, OPP Cal Fisher, MB Sam Marsh  
**Newcomers:** 8  
**Key Newcomers:** OH Michal Kowal, OH Michael Valenzi, MB Ian Argento, MB Toby Ezeonu

Cole Bogner.....BOWG-ner (like "row")  
Toby Ezeonu.....EE-zee-oh-new  
Gabe Hartke.....HEART-kee  
Michal Kowal.....MEE-howl KO-vol  
Jack Shampine.....SHAM-pine  
Canyon Tuman.....TOO-man  
Brett Wildman.....WILD-man  
Ryan Walthall.....WALL-thall

## 2021 SCHEDULE

Jan. 22	at #14 Ohio State	W, 3-0
Jan. 23	at #14 Ohio State	L, 0-3
<b>Jan. 29</b>	<b>#13 OHIO STATE</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
<b>Jan. 30</b>	<b>#13 OHIO STATE</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
<b>Feb. 4</b>	<b>* SAINT FRANCIS</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
<b>Feb. 6</b>	<b>* SAINT FRANCIS</b>	<b>W, 3-2</b>
<b>Feb. 13</b>	<b>* NJIT</b>	<b>W, 3-1</b>
<b>Feb. 14</b>	<b>* NJIT</b>	<b>L, 0-3</b>
Feb. 20	* at Sacred Heart	W, 3-0
Feb. 21	* at Sacred Heart	W, 3-1
<b>Feb. 26</b>	<b>* GEORGE MASON</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 27</b>	<b>* GEORGE MASON</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>March 5</b>	<b>* CHARLESTON</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>* CHARLESTON</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
March 12	* at Saint Francis	7 p.m.
March 13	* at Saint Francis	7 p.m.
March 19	* at NJIT	TBA
March 20	* at NJIT	TBA
<b>March 26</b>	<b>* SACRED HEART</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>March 27</b>	<b>* SACRED HEART</b>	<b>TBA</b>
April 2	* at George Mason	7 p.m.
April 3	* at George Mason	7 p.m.
April 9	* at Charleston	7 p.m.
April 10	* at Charleston	7 p.m.
April 16-18	EIVA First Round	TBA
April 22-25	EIVA Final Four	TBA
TBA	NCAA Tournament	TBA

\* EIVA Contest  
- AVCA rankings listed at time of matchup  
- All times EST and subject to change

## PSU MATCH NOTES & INFORMATION

- Penn State leads the all-time series 108-17 over George Mason. The last eight matches between the two have been split 4-4 with the set counts at 18-16 in favor of the Patriots.
- The Nittany Lions broke into the top 10 in the AVCA Top 15 this week, marking their 15th-straight week ranked dating back to the preseason 2020 poll.
- Head coach Mark Pavlik leads all active NCAA men's volleyball coaches with 592 career wins, a mark that ranks sixth all time across all divisions. George Mason head coach Jay Hosack was Pavlik's assistant at Penn State from 2009-15.
- Penn State nationally: 2nd in aces (70) and aces per set (1.94), 8th in opponent hitting percentage (.206), and 13th in hitting percentage (.283).
- Preseason All-America and 2020 Co-EIVA Player of the Year Brett Wildman had a season-best 17 kills in his last match Feb. 6 against Saint Francis.
- Junior opposite hitter Cal Fisher is one of the best servers and point scorers in the nation. His .694 aces per set leads the country among players with at least 2 matches played this season. Fisher also has double-digit points in every Penn State win this season.
- Penn State duo Michael Valenzi and Sam Marsh won the EIVA Offensive and Defensive Player of the Week awards last week. Valenzi had 17 kills and Marsh had 8 blocks in the Feb. 21 win at SHU.
- Junior setter Cole Bogner has at least 30 assists in all but the first of PSU's wins this season. He ranks fourth among active NCAA setters with a 9.13 career assists/set average.
- When PSU has won this season, its largely due to its passing. RS junior Will Bantle has a .935 serve-receive % on a team-high 154 attempts. He also ranks fifth among active NCAA players with 1.94 digs per set in his career.

## TEAM STAT LEADERS

	PENN STATE	GEORGE MASON
<b>Points per set</b>	Fisher (4.09)	Wagner (4.47)
<b>Kills per set</b>	Fisher (3.12)	Wagner (3.50)
<b>Hit % (min 30 kills)</b>	Marsh (.448)	Reese (.474)
<b>Aces</b>	Fisher (26)	Wagner (12)
<b>Assists per set</b>	Bogner (9.69)	Talamoa (10.33)
<b>Blocks per set</b>	Marsh (0.94)	Creamer (1.00)
<b>Digs per set</b>	Bantle (1.41)	Kennan (2.48)

## AVCA TOP 15

#	Team (1st votes)	Pts	Record	Prev.
1	BYU (13)	236	5-1	1
2	Hawai'i (3)	227	1-0	2
T-3	Lewis	191	8-1	4
T-3	UC Santa Barbara	191	0-0	3
5	Pepperdine	154	4-2	6
6	Long Beach State	152	0-0	5
7	UCLA	143	4-2	7
8	UC Irvine	115	0-1	8
9	Grand Canyon	98	1-3	10
<b>10</b>	<b>Penn State</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>8-2</b>	<b>12</b>
11	UC San Diego	75	0-0	9
12	George Mason	71	7-1	13
13	McKendree	55	7-0	14
14	NJIT	41	5-3	15
15	Loyola Chicago	30	8-2	11

Others receiving votes and listed on two or more ballots: Ball State 26; Ohio State 16; Southern California 11

## 2021 EIVA STANDINGS

Team	EIVA				Overall					
	W-L	Win. %	SW	SL	MP	W-L	Win. %	SW	SL	Streak
George Mason	4-0	1.000	12	2	7	6-1	0.857	19	7	W6
<b>Penn State</b>	<b>5-1</b>	<b>0.833</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8-2</b>	<b>0.800</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>W2</b>
NJIT	5-1	0.833	16	5	8	5-3	0.625	18	11	W3
Charleston (W.V.)	2-4	0.333	10	14	6	2-4	0.333	10	14	L2
Sacred Heart	0-4	0.000	1	12	4	0-4	0.000	1	12	L4
Saint Francis (Pa.)	0-6	0.000	4	18	13	1-12	0.077	15	37	L10



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## 2021 PENN STATE STATISTICS

Overall Record: 8-2 Conf: 5-1 Home: 5-1 Away: 3-1 Neutral: 0-0

#	Player	SP	Attack					Set		Serve			RE	Dig		Block					PTS	
			K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	A	A/S	SA	SE	SA/S		DIG	DIG/S	BS	BA	BLK	BLK/S	BE		BHE
2	Herget, Tim	23	10	0.43	6	21	.190	3	0.13	0	0	0.00	3	32	1.39	0	1	1.0	0.04	0	0	10.5
3	Shampine, Jack	4	9	2.25	7	28	.071	0	0.00	2	4	0.50	0	3	0.75	0	4	4.0	1.00	0	0	13.0
4	Valenzi, Michael	31	70	2.26	27	138	.312	4	0.13	4	17	0.13	14	37	1.19	1	7	8.0	0.26	2	0	78.5
6	Bogner, Cole	32	6	0.19	5	26	.038	310	9.69	9	27	0.28	0	43	1.34	2	16	18.0	0.56	3	0	25.0
8	Kowal, Michal	27	35	1.30	11	74	.324	0	0.00	4	12	0.15	9	31	1.15	0	6	6.0	0.22	0	0	42.0
9	Kerr, John	7	5	0.71	3	11	.182	1	0.14	0	1	0.00	2	0	0.00	0	1	1.0	0.14	0	0	5.5
11	Driscoll, Jack	20	0	0.00	0	0	.000	11	0.55	5	11	0.25	0	5	0.25	0	1	1.0	0.05	0	1	5.5
12	Wildman, Brett	20	50	2.50	16	104	.327	1	0.05	8	17	0.40	3	23	1.15	1	6	7.0	0.35	2	0	62.0
14	Marsh, Sam	31	38	1.23	8	67	.448	4	0.13	6	21	0.19	1	6	0.19	4	25	29.0	0.94	1	1	60.5
15	Tuman, Canyon	31	37	1.19	11	85	.306	0	0.00	5	16	0.16	0	9	0.29	3	21	24.0	0.77	2	0	55.5
16	Argento, Ian	3	2	0.67	0	4	.500	0	0.00	2	1	0.67	0	0	0.00	0	5	5.0	1.67	0	0	6.5
18	Ezeonu, Toby	6	2	0.33	0	9	.222	0	0.00	0	5	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	3	3.0	0.50	3	0	3.5
19	Fisher, Cal	34	106	3.12	35	233	.305	1	0.03	26	25	0.76	1	40	1.18	0	14	14.0	0.41	1	0	139.0
20	Bantle, Will	34	0	0.00	0	2	.000	19	0.56	0	0	0.00	10	48	1.41	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	0
TM	Team	28	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>34</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>10.88</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>.300</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>10.41</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>2.09</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>8.15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>1.94</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>507.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>34</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>9.97</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>.201</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>9.53</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>7.47</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>58.5</b>	<b>1.72</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>440.5</b>

Team Statistics	PSU	OPP
<b>ATTACK</b>		
Kills	370	339
Errors	129	171
Total Attacks	802	836
Attacks Pct	.300	.201
Kills/Set	10.9	10.0
<b>SET</b>		
Assists	354	324
Assists Per Set	10.4	9.5
<b>SERVE</b>		
Aces	71	43
Errors	157	175
Aces Per Set	2.1	1.3
<b>SERVE/RECEPTIONS</b>		
Errors	43	71
Errors Per Set	1.3	2.1
<b>DEFENSE</b>		
Digs	277	254
Digs Per Set	8.1	7.5
<b>BLOCKING</b>		
Solo	11	13
Assists	110	91
Blocks	66.0	58.5
Blocks Per Set	1.9	1.7
Errors	14	12
Ball Handling Errors	3	3
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	775	0
Dates-Avg Per Date	6/129	4/
Neutral Site #-Avg	0/	-

C	Date	Opponent	W	L	Score	Score by Set	Att.
	1/22/2021	at Ohio State	W		3-0	25-20, 25-23, 25-22	0
	1/23/2021	at Ohio State	L		0-3	22-25, 23-25, 17-25	0
	1/29/2021	OHIO ST.	W		3-0	25-16, 25-17, 25-21	135
	1/30/2021	OHIO ST.	W		3-0	25-23, 25-20, 25-18	140
*	2/04/2021	SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	W		3-0	25-17, 25-16, 25-19	134
*	2/06/2021	SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	W		3-2	25-27, 25-13, 23-25, 25-21, 16-14	141
*	2/13/2021	NJIT	W		3-1	25-17, 21-25, 25-17, 25-21	97
*	2/14/2021	NJIT	L		0-3	21-25, 22-25, 9-25	128
*	2/19/2021	at Sacred Heart	W		3-0	25-16, 25-14, 25-15	0
*	2/20/2021	at Sacred Heart	W		3-1	25-16, 25-17, 23-25, 25-19	0

\* = Conference game

