



# 2021 PENN STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

FEBRUARY 20-21 | MATCHES 9-10



**#12 PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS**  
HEAD COACH: MARK PAVLIK  
(6-2, 3-1 EIVA)

VS.



**SACRED HEART PIONEERS**  
HEAD COACH: BOB BERTUCCI  
(0-2, 0-2 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, 590-207 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	7 p.m.
Feb. 21	* at Sacred Heart	1 p.m.
<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 17-2 over Sacred Heart. In their lone 2020 match, the Pioneers took a 2-0 lead before PSU completed the reverse sweep to win 3-2.
- The Nittany Lions came in at No. 12 in the AVCA Top 15 this week, marking their 14th-straight week ranked dating back to the preseason 2020 poll.
- Head coach Mark Pavlik leads all active NCAA men's volleyball coaches with 590 career wins, a mark that ranks sixth all time across all divisions.
- Penn State nationally: 4th in aces per set (1.79), 11th in hitting percentage (.272).
- Junior opposite hitter Cal Fisher ripped seven aces in PSU's 3-1 win over NJIT Feb. 13, the second-highest total in a match this season by any DI-II player.
- Fisher has double-digit kills in every Penn State win this season. He had a career-best 23 kills and 29 points against Sacred Heart last season.
- Penn State's freshman outside hitter duo of Michael Valenzi and Michal Kowal both had great matches Feb. 13 against NJIT. Kowal had a team-high 14 kills hitting .571 and Valenzi added nine kills and six digs. Both combined for .974 serve receive in that match (38-39)
- Junior setter Cole Bogner had at least 30 assists in each of Penn State's matches during its five-game winning streak. He ranks fourth among active NCAA setters with a 9.04 career assists/set average.
- When PSU has won this season, its largely due to its passing. RS junior Will Bantle has led the charge in that front with just 3 receiving errors during the five-match win streak 1/29-2/13.

## TEAM STAT LEADERS

	PENN STATE	SACRED HEART
<b>Points per set</b>	Fisher (3.89)	Mucherino (4.00)
<b>Kills per set</b>	Fisher (3.07)	Mucherino (3.67)
<b>Hit % (min 20 kills)</b>	Marsh (.469)	Santa Cruz (.167)
<b>Aces</b>	Fisher (18)	Berry (2)
<b>Assists per set</b>	Bogner (9.32)	Payne (5.33)
<b>Blocks per set</b>	Tuman (0.79)	Mucherino (0.67)
<b>Digs per set</b>	Bogner (1.48)	Terrassa (1.67)

## AVCA TOP 15

#	Team (1st votes)	Pts	Record	Prev.
1	BYU (12)	233	3-1	1
2	Hawai'i (4)	218	0-0	2
3	UC Santa Barbara	194	0-0	3
4	Lewis	192	6-1	4
5	Long Beach State	164	0-0	5
6	Pepperdine	151	2-2	7
7	UCLA	136	2-2	6
8	UC Irvine	129	0-0	8
9	UC San Diego	89	0-0	9
10	Grand Canyon	86	1-1	10
11	Loyola Chicago	72	8-0	13
<b>12</b>	<b>Penn State</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>11</b>
13	George Mason	57	5-1	12
14	McKendree	31	5-0	NR
15	NJIT	29	3-3	NR

Others receiving votes and listed on two or more ballots: Ball State 25; Concordia Irvine 23; Southern California 12; Stanford 6

## 2021 EIVA STANDINGS

Team	EIVA				Overall					
	W-L	Win. %	SW	SL	MP	W-L	Win. %	SW	SL	Streak
George Mason	2-0	1.000	6	2	5	4-1	0.800	13	7	W4
<b>Penn State</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>0.750</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>0.750</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>L1</b>
NJIT	3-1	0.750	10	3	6	3-3	0.500	12	9	W1
Charleston (W.V.)	2-2	0.500	8	8	4	2-2	0.500	8	8	W2
Sacred Heart	0-2	0.000	0	6	2	0-2	0.000	0	6	L2
Saint Francis (Pa.)	0-4	0.000	4	12	11	1-10	0.091	15	31	L8



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## 2021 PENN STATE STATISTICS

Overall Record: 6-2 Conf: 3-1 Home: 5-1 Away: 1-1 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	21	6	0.29	3	12	.250	3	0.14	0	0	0.00	2	29	1.38	0	1	1.0	0.05	0	0	6.5
3	Shampine, Jack	3	8	2.67	7	26	.038	0	0.00	2	4	0.67	0	3	1.00	0	4	4.0	1.33	0	0	12.0
4	Valenzi, Michael	24	45	1.88	21	96	.250	4	0.17	2	12	0.08	12	24	1.00	1	7	8.0	0.33	2	0	51.5
6	Bogner, Cole	25	6	0.24	4	23	.087	233	9.32	6	23	0.24	0	37	1.48	1	13	14.0	0.56	3	0	19.5
8	Kowal, Michal	21	23	1.10	8	46	.326	0	0.00	2	12	0.10	5	16	0.76	0	3	3.0	0.14	0	0	26.5
9	Kerr, John	4	3	0.75	3	9	.000	1	0.25	0	1	0.00	2	0	0.00	0	1	1.0	0.25	0	0	3.5
11	Driscoll, Jack	17	0	0.00	0	0	.000	11	0.65	4	9	0.24	0	5	0.29	0	1	1.0	0.06	0	1	4.5
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	24	29	1.21	6	49	.469	3	0.13	5	17	0.21	1	4	0.17	2	16	18.0	0.75	1	1	44.0
15	Tuman, Canyon	24	29	1.21	10	64	.297	0	0.00	4	10	0.17	0	4	0.17	3	16	19.0	0.79	2	0	44.0
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	4	1	0.25	0	8	.125	0	0.00	0	4	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	3	3.0	0.75	3	0	2.5
19	Fisher, Cal	27	83	3.07	25	178	.326	1	0.04	18	18	0.67	0	30	1.11	0	8	8.0	0.30	1	0	105.0
20	Bantle, Will	27	0	0.00	0	0	.000	14	0.52	0	0	0.00	8	29	1.07	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0
TM	Team	21	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>27</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>10.56</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>.294</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>10.04</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>1.96</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>7.56</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>1.85</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>388.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>10.56</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>.249</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>10.11</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>1.22</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>7.04</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>1.76</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>365.5</b>

Team Statistics	PSU	OPP
<b>ATTACK</b>		
Kills	285	285
Errors	103	123
Total Attacks	619	651
Attacks Pct	.294	.249
Kills/Set	10.6	10.6
<b>SET</b>		
Assists	271	273
Assists Per Set	10.0	10.1
<b>SERVE</b>		
Aces	53	33
Errors	128	155
Aces Per Set	2.0	1.2
<b>SERVE/RECEPTIONS</b>		
Errors	33	53
Errors Per Set	1.2	2.0
<b>DEFENSE</b>		
Digs	204	190
Digs Per Set	7.6	7.0
<b>BLOCKING</b>		
Solo	8	9
Assists	84	77
Blocks	50.0	47.5
Blocks Per Set	1.9	1.8
Errors	14	12
Ball Handling Errors	2	2
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	775	0
Dates-Avg Per Date	6/129	2/
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

\* = Conference game

