



2021 PENN STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

FEBRUARY 13-14 | MATCHES 7-8



#11 PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS
HEAD COACH: MARK PAVLIK
(5-1- 2-0 EIVA)

VS.



NJIT HIGHLANDERS
HEAD COACH: DANNY GONCALVES
(2-2, -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, 589-207 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

Cole Bogner.....BOWG-ner (like "row")
Toby Ezeonu.....EE-zee-oh-new
Gabe HartkeHEART-kee
Michal KowalMEE-howl KO-vol
Jack ShampineSHAM-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
Jan. 29	#13 OHIO STATE	W, 3-0
Jan. 30	#13 OHIO STATE	W, 3-0
Feb. 4	* SAINT FRANCIS	W, 3-0
Feb. 6	* SAINT FRANCIS	W, 3-2
Feb. 13	* NJIT	3 p.m.
Feb. 14	* NJIT	3 p.m.
Feb. 20	* at Sacred Heart	6 p.m.
Feb. 21	* at Sacred Heart	1 p.m.
Feb. 26	* GEORGE MASON	7 p.m.
Feb. 27	* GEORGE MASON	7 p.m.
March 5	* CHARLESTON	7 p.m.
March 6	* CHARLESTON	7 p.m.
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
March 26	* SACRED HEART	TBA
March 27	* SACRED HEART	TBA
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 45-1 over NJIT with the lone loss coming in 1998. PSU downed NJIT 3-0 Feb. 15, 2020 in their last matchup.
- The Nittany Lions came in at No. 11 in the AVCA Top 15 this week, marking their 13th-straight week ranked dating back to the preseason 2020 poll.
- This weekend's matchups feature the number one (Penn State) and number two (NJIT) picks in the preseason EIVA coaches poll.
- Head coach Mark Pavlik leads all active NCAA men's volleyball coaches with 589 career wins, a mark that ranks sixth all time across all divisions.
- Penn State nationally: 4th in aces per set (1.95), 7th in opponent hitting percentage (.193), 8th in hitting percentage (.281)
- Junior opposite hitter Cal Fisher has reached double-digit kills in every match he has started this season. He also ranks 17th in the country in hitting percentage (.352) and T14 in aces per set (0.5).
- Junior outside hitter Brett Wildman posted his first career double-double with 17 kills and 11 digs 2/6 vs. Saint Francis.
- Junior setter Cole Bogner has had four-straight matches with 30 or more assists and is averaging 9.5 assists per set over the stretch.
- Redshirt junior Will Bantle steadied PSU in their first five-set win of the year 2/6 with 12 digs.
- Freshman outside hitter Michael Valenzi has steadily improved over his first five career starts, reaching double-digit kills for the first time 2/6 vs. SFU (10).

TEAM STAT LEADERS

	PENN STATE	NJIT
Points per set	Fisher (3.75)	Gimeno (4.31)
Kills per set	Fisher (3.05)	Gimeno (4.46)
Hit % (min 20 kills)	Marsh (.441)	De Chavarria (.422)
Aces	Fisher (10)	Gimeno (6)
Assists per set	Bogner (9.11)	Fieseler (9.38)
Blocks per set	Marsh (0.88)	Berger (1.09)
Digs per set	Herget (1.50)	Feldthus (1.79)

AVCA TOP 15

#	Team (1st votes)	Pts	Record	Prev.
1	BYU (8)	229	1-1	1
2	Hawai'i (8)	221	0-0	2
3	UC Santa Barbara	193	0-0	4
4	Lewis	187	6-1	3
5	Long Beach State	165	0-0	5
6	UCLA	155	2-1	8
7	Pepperdine	147	2-0	6
8	UC Irvine	129	0-0	7
9	UC San Diego	97	0-0	9
10	Grand Canyon	96	1-1	10
11	Penn State	95	5-1	11
12	George Mason	50	5-1	12
13	Loyola Chicago	41	6-0	13
T14	Ball State	35	5-1	15
T14	Ohio State	35	2-4	NR

Others receiving votes and listed on two or more ballots: Concordia Irvine 27; NJIT 10; Stanford 6

2021 EIVA STANDINGS

Team	EIVA				Overall					
	W-L	Win. %	SW	SL	MP	W-L	Win. %	SW	SL	Streak
Penn State	2-0	1.000	6	2	6	5-1	0.833	15	5	W4
George Mason	2-0	1.000	6	2	5	4-1	0.800	13	7	W4
NJIT	2-0	1.000	6	0	4	2-2	0.500	8	6	W2
Saint Francis (Pa.)	0-2	0.000	2	6	9	1-8	0.111	13	25	L6
Charleston (W.V.)	0-2	0.000	2	6	2	0-2	0.000	2	6	L2
Sacred Heart	0-2	0.000	0	6	2	0-2	0.000	0	6	L2



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2021 PENN STATE STATISTICS

Overall Record: 5-1 Conf: 2-0 Home: 4-0 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	18	0	0.00	0	0	.000	3	0.17	0	0	0.00	0	27	1.50	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0
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	18	34	1.89	16	71	.254	4	0.22	1	9	0.06	10	17	0.94	1	5	6.0	0.33	1	0	38.5
6	Bogner, Cole	18	3	0.17	4	15	-.067	164	9.11	5	17	0.28	0	25	1.39	1	10	11.0	0.61	2	0	14.0
8	Kowal, Michal	14	1	0.07	4	7	-.429	0	0.00	2	6	0.14	1	6	0.43	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	3.0
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	12	0	0.00	0	0	.000	11	0.92	4	8	0.33	0	5	0.42	0	1	1.0	0.08	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	17	20	1.18	5	34	.441	2	0.12	3	14	0.18	1	4	0.24	2	13	15.0	0.88	1	1	31.5
15	Tuman, Canyon	17	20	1.18	5	44	.341	0	0.00	2	8	0.12	0	3	0.18	3	11	14.0	0.82	1	0	30.5
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	3	0	0.00	0	6	.000	0	0.00	0	2	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	3	3.0	1.00	3	0	1.5
19	Fisher, Cal	20	61	3.05	17	125	.352	1	0.05	10	12	0.50	0	19	0.95	0	8	8.0	0.40	1	0	75.0
20	Bantle, Will	20	0	0.00	0	0	.000	5	0.25	0	0	0.00	5	25	1.25	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0
TM	Team	14	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
Totals		20	202	10.10	77	445	.281	192	9.60	39	99	1.95	22	157	7.85	8	67	41.5	2.08	11	2	282.5
Opponents		20	201	10.05	106	491	.193	189	9.45	22	123	1.10	39	140	7.00	3	58	32.0	1.60	9	2	255.0

Team Statistics	PSU	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	202	201
Errors	77	106
Total Attacks	445	491
Attacks Pct	.281	.193
Kills/Set	10.1	10.1
SET		
Assists	192	189
Assists Per Set	9.6	9.5
SERVE		
Aces	39	22
Errors	99	123
Aces Per Set	2.0	1.1
SERVE/RECEPTIONS		
Errors	22	39
Errors Per Set	1.1	2.0
DEFENSE		
Digs	157	140
Digs Per Set	7.9	7.0
BLOCKING		
Solo	8	3
Assists	67	58
Blocks	41.5	32.0
Blocks Per Set	2.1	1.6
Errors	11	9
Ball Handling Errors	2	2
ATTENDANCE		
Total	550	0
Dates-Avg Per Date	4/138	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

* = Conference game

