

# 2014 MATCH NOTES

## PENN STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

### WEEK FOUR – MATCH DETAILS



**NO. 12 PSU vs. MOUNT OLIVE**  
 Friday, Jan. 31  
 7 p.m.  
 Rec Hall  
 University Park, Pa.



**NO. 12 PSU vs. SAINT FRANCIS**  
 Saturday, Feb. 1  
 8 p.m.  
 Rec Hall  
 University Park, Pa.



### HOME OPENER IN REVIEW

Last weekend, Penn State opened an 11-match homestand with a pair of victories to improve to 3-2 on the year. The Nittany Lions powered past No. 14 IPFW in straight sets, before rallying from behind by one set to defeat Ball State in four.

### NITTANY LIONS IN THE AVCA COACHES POLL - WEEK FOUR UPDATE

Following a week without competition, PSU remains No. 12 in the latest AVCA DI-II Top 15 Poll. The Nittany Lions have now spent the last three weeks at the No. 12 position. Additionally, Penn State is the only EIVA team to be represented in the AVCA poll.

### PENN STATE VS. MOUNT OLIVE

The Nittany Lions own a perfect 6-0 record in the all-time series against the Trojans. In the short six-match series between the two teams, Penn State has swept Mount Olive in each outing. The Trojans are also a fairly familiar opponent, having faced off against the Nittany Lions in the last three consecutive seasons.

### SCOUTING THE TROJANS

Mount Olive enters the weekend looking to snap a four-match losing streak, having lost to Limestone and Erskine last weekend at home. Angel Dache is the center of the Trojan offensive, averaging 4.84 kills per set on .326 hitting. He's also averaging 0.37 blocks per set, which is tied for third on the team. Josh Donahue is anchoring the defense, averaging 2.53 digs per frame.

### PENN STATE VS. SAINT FRANCIS

The Nittany Lions hold an unblemished 32-0 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 five sets to Saint Francis.

### SCOUTING THE RED FLASH

Saint Francis dropped to an even 2-2 on the year after losing a close five-setter at Lees-Mcrae last weekend. Offensively, the Red Flash is led by Colin Sherwin, Kyle Beatty and Logan Patterson, who are all averaging at least two kills per set. Patterson is at the helm of the talented trio, hitting at .276, while also averaging 0.67 aces per set, which leads the squad.

### RUSSELL EARNS EIVA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK NOD

After helping the Penn State men's volleyball team to an undefeated opening weekend at home, junior Aaron Russell was named the EIVA Offensive Player of the Week.

In the season home opener against then-No. 14 IPFW, Russell registered his first double-double of the season, posting 12 kills and 10 digs in the victory. The next evening, Russell returned to the court to lead the Nittany Lions to a 3-1 comeback victory against Ball State. He led the offense with a season-high 21 kills, adding four digs and one block. Russell averaged 4.71 kills per set on the week, hitting higher than .425 in each match.

### 2014 SCHEDULE

#### JANUARY

9-11	Outrigger Invitational (Honolulu, Hawaii)	
9	vs. No. 2 UCLA.....	L, 3-2
10(11)	at No. 13 Hawaii.....	L, 3-1
11	vs. No. 12 Ohio State.....	W, 3-0
17	vs. No. 14 IPFW.....	W, 3-0
18	vs. Ball State.....	W, 3-1
31	vs. Mount Olive.....	7 p.m.

#### FEBRUARY

1	vs. Saint Francis*.....	8 p.m.
5	vs. Ohio State*.....	7:15 p.m.
7	vs. Erskine.....	7 p.m.
8	vs. Pfeiffer.....	8 p.m.
14	vs. NJIT*.....	7 p.m.
15	vs. Rutgers Newark*.....	4 p.m.
21	vs. Sacred Heart*.....	7 p.m.
22	vs. Harvard*.....	3 p.m.
28	at Princeton.....	7 p.m.

#### MARCH

1	at George Mason*.....	7 p.m.
7	at Ohio State*.....	7 p.m.
14	at Cal State Northridge.....	5 p.m.
15	at Long Beach State.....	2 p.m.
21	at Loyola Chicago.....	7 p.m.
22	at Lewis.....	7 p.m.
28	vs. Princeton*.....	7 p.m.
29	vs. George Mason*.....	7 p.m.

#### APRIL

4	at Harvard*.....	8 p.m.
5	at Sacred Heart*.....	8:30 p.m.
12	at Saint Francis*.....	7 p.m.
18	at Rutgers Newark*.....	7 p.m.
19	at NJIT*.....	8 p.m.
24	EIVA Semifinals*.....	8 p.m.
26	EIVA Finals*.....	7 p.m.
29	EIVA/NCAA Play-in match*.....	7 p.m.

#### MAY

1	NCAA National Semifinal.....	Chicago, Ill.
3	NCAA National Final.....	Chicago, Ill.

Home matches played at Rec Hall in **bold** • All times ET and subject to change • \* Indicates EIVA conference match

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# PENN STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL



**1** Taylor Hammond  
RS-So., S, 6-4  
Mission Viejo, Calif.



**2** Zack Parik  
So., S, 6-4  
Woodridge, Ill.



**3** Connor Curry  
RS-Jr., L, 6-0  
Newport Beach, Calif.



**4** Nick Goodell  
RS-Jr., OH, 6-4  
Ambridge, Pa.



**5** Joey Farrell  
Fr., OH, 6-5  
Lombard, Ill.



**7** Andrew Roberts  
RS-Fr., Opp., 6-4  
Grantville, Pa.



**8** Aaron Russell  
Jr., MH, 6-9  
Ellicott City, Md.



**9** Peter Russell  
Sr., OH, 6-5  
Ellicott City, Md.



**10** Chris Nugent  
Fr., OH, 6-4  
Fair Lawn, N.J.



**11** Spencer Sauter  
RS-Fr., OH, 6-7  
Woodridge, Ill.



**12** Kevin Gear  
Fr., MB, 6-7  
Rochester, N.Y.



**14** Jalen Penrose  
Fr., OH, 6-7  
Cambridge, Mass.



**15** Aiden Albrecht  
Fr., OPP, 6-8  
Old Bridge, N.J.



**16** Kyle Gregan  
Jr., MH, 6-8  
Pittsburgh, Pa.



**17** Matt Callaway  
RS-Fr., MH/Opp., 6-7  
Wheaton, Ill.



**18** Matt Seifert  
RS-So., MH, 6-9  
Reading, Pa.



Mark Pavlik  
Head Coach



Jay Hosack  
Assistant Coach



Colin McMillan  
Assistant Coach



Scott Campbell  
Athletic Trainer



# 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  
 Conference:..... Big Ten  
 President:..... Dr. Rodney Erickson  
 Director of Athletics:..... Dr. Dave Joyner  
 Facility (capacity):.....Rec Hall (5,812)

### VOLLEYBALL STAFF

Head Coach:.....Mark Pavlik (20th season)  
 Alma Mater:..... Penn State, 1982  
 Overall Record (Yrs/Pct):.....460-134 (20/.774)  
 School Record:..... same  
 Asst. Coaches:..... Colin McMillan (7th season)  
 ..... Jay Hosack (5th season)  
 Office Phone: ..... (814) 863-7474  
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 Office Address: ..... 235 Rec Hall

### SEASON IN REVIEW

2013 Record:..... 23-8  
 Home: 14-1 ..... Away: 8-5  
 Neutral:..... 2-2  
 Conference record (finish): ..... 13-1 (1st)  
 Home: 7-0 ..... Away: 6-1  
 Final AVCA Ranking:.....No. 12  
 Postseason Play:.....NCAA national semifinal National  
 Semifinal:.....lost 3-0 to No.1 BYU

### THE HISTORY

First Year of Volleyball:..... 1977  
 All-Time Record (Years): ..... 948-267-10  
 All-Time EIVA Record:..... 263-12  
 EIVA Win Pct.: .....956 (.960)  
 EIVA/ECVL Championships..... 29  
 EIVA Championship Titles..... 25  
 NCAA Tournament Appearances..... 28  
 NCAA National Titles ..... 1994 & 2008

## NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	YR.	POS.	HT.	HOMETOWN
1	Taylor Hammond	RS-Jr.	S	6-4	Mission Viejo, Calif.
2	Zack Parik	So.	S	6-4	Woodridge, Ill.
3	Connor Curry	RS-Jr.	L	6-0	Newport Beach, Calif.
4	Nick Goodell	RS-Jr.	OH	6-4	Ambridge, Pa.
5	Joey Farrell	Fr.	OH	6-5	Lombard, Ill.
7	Andrew Roberts	RS-Fr.	Opp.	6-4	Grantville, Pa.
8	Aaron Russell	Jr.	MH	6-9	Ellicott City, Md.
9	Peter Russell	Sr.	OH	6-5	Ellicott City, Md.
10	Chris Nugent	Fr.	OH	6-4	Fair Lawn, N.J.
11	Spencer Sauter	Rs-Fr.	OH	6-7	Woodridge, Ill.
12	Kevin Gear	Fr.	MB	6-7	Rochester, N.Y.
14	Jalen Penrose	Fr.	OH	6-7	Cambridge, Mass.
15	Aiden Albrecht	Fr.	OPP	6-8	Old Bridge, N.J.
16	Kyle Gregan	Jr.	OH	6-8	Pittsburgh, Pa.
17	Matt Callaway	Rs-Fr.	Opp.	6-7	Wheaton, Ill.
18	Matt Seifert	RS-So.	MH	6-9	Reading, Pa.

#### Head Coach:

Mark Pavlik (Penn State, 1982), 20th year

#### Assistant Coaches:

Jay Hosack (UC Santa Cruz, 1997) 5th year

Colin McMillan (Ohio State, 2000), 7th year

Scott Campbell (Penn State 2008), 1st year

#### Trainer:

## THE STATISTICAL STORY

Compare the tale of the tape for each of the Nittany Lions' upcoming opponents.

	PSU	MOC	SFU
Hitting %	.279	.234	.312
Kills per set	13.6	12.16	12.30
Assists per set	13.0	11.53	11.40
Aces per set	1.10	0.68	1.19
Digs per set	9.30	6.84	6.80
Blocks per set	1.60	1.50	2.00

## PENN STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN "EIVA RALLIES" CAMPAIGN

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' matchup against travel partner, Saint Francis, Saturday, Feb. 1. He will put on the hat once more, when PSU visits the Red Flash Saturday, April 12. The annual campaign benefits the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. The Nittany Lions will also host a silent auction during Saturday's match on the west mezzanine level in the main gym at Rec Hall. All proceeds from the exciting items will be donated by coach Pavlik to the cause.

## GOODELL EARNS OUTRIGGER ALL-TOURNAMENT HONORS

Redshirt-junior Nick Goodell earned a spot on the 2014 Outrigger Invitational All-Tournament team. The outside hitter recorded three consecutive double-digit kill performances last week, while leading the team in the category twice. Within the three matches, Goodell set a season-high mark with 19 kills on .455 hitting at Hawaii.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Penn State welcomes Ohio State to the court in Rec Hall for a midweek matchup set for Wednesday, Feb. 5th. First serve against the Buckeyes has been moved to 7:15 p.m. in main gym. The Nittany Lions will also host Erskine and Pfiffer Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7-8 at 7 p.m. in the south gym at Rec Hall.

# PENN STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE EIVA

### 2014 EIVA PRESEASON POLL

1. PENN STATE
2. Princeton
3. Harvard
4. George Mason
5. Saint Francis
6. NJIT
7. Sacred Heart
8. Rutgers-Newark

### 2014 EIVA STANDINGS

Team	Conf.			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Rutgers-Newark	0	0	.000	2	1	.667
<b>PENN STATE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.600</b>
NJIT	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Saint Francis	0	0	.000	2	2	.500
George Mason	0	0	.000	1	2	.333
Sacred Heart	0	0	.000	1	4	.200
Princeton	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Harvard	0	0	.000	0	3	.000

### 2014 HONORS

#### AARON RUSSELL

Off the Block Preseason All-American  
EIVA Offensive Player of the Week (1/21)  
Mike Anderson Player of the Game (1/17)

#### PETER RUSSELL

Mike Anderson Player of the Game (1/18)

### PSU IN THE NATIONAL STANDINGS

#### TEAM

Rank	Category	Stat
2	Assists Per Set	13.00
5	Kills Per Set	13.63
10	Digs Per Set	9.32
15	Hitting Percentage	.279
13	Match W-L Percentage	.600
23	Aces Per Set	1.11

#### INDIVIDUAL

Category	Rank	Name	Stat
Assists Per Set	2	Taylor Hammond	11.84
Digs Per Set	14	Connor Curry	2.58
Kills Per Set	8	Aaron Russell	4.11
Points Per Set	10	Aaron Russell	4.74

### FRESH FACES ON THE COURT IN 2014

Penn State returns a core group of 11 letterwinners and five starters this year, while welcoming five freshmen to the roster. The new additions include 6-8 opposite Aiden Albrecht from Old Bridge, N.J., Joey Farrell, a 6-5 outside from Lombard, Ill., Kevin Gear, a 6-7 middle blocker from Rochester, N.Y., Chris Nugent, a 6-4 outside from Fair Lawn, N.J., and Jalen Penrose, a 6-7 outside from Cambridge, Mass.

### PENN STATE VOTED EIVA PRESEASON FAVORITE

The defending EIVA champion Penn State men's volleyball team has been picked as the preseason favorite in the 2014 Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (EIVA) preseason poll. The Nittany Lions received seven of eight first-place votes from the league's eight head coaches. PSU also earned the No. 1 preseason EIVA ranking heading into the 2013 season. Princeton was picked to finish second in the league, earning one first-place vote, while Harvard and George Mason were slotted as the No. 3 and No. 4 schools, respectively. St. Francis, NJIT, Sacred Heart and Rutgers-Newark rounded out the remaining positions, claiming spots five through eight.

### NITTANY LIONS PICKED 9TH IN PRESEASON POLL

Penn State was the only EIVA school to earn a spot on the 2014 AVCA DI-II Men's Volleyball Preseason Poll, coming in a No. 9. Despite not competing last week, the Nittany Lions dropped to No. 11 in the first poll of the 2014 season.

### 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 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 NCAA announcement of its host sites through the 2017-18 season.

### RUSSELL TABBED OFF THE BLOCK PRESEASON ALL-AMERICAN

2013 Co-Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association Player of the Year Aaron Russell earned 2014 Off the Block/Springbak Inc. Preseason First Team All-American honors earlier this month. He is one of 21 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 in the country during the upcoming season. Off the Block is a national award winning website that is among the nation's leaders in college men's volleyball coverage.

### HOSACK AND RUSSELL SPEND TIME WITH TEAM U.S.A.

Penn State assistant coach Jay Hosack and junior Aaron Russell both competed on the USA Men's Junior National Team in the FIVB Men's Volleyball U21 World Championship in Izmir and Ankara, Turkey this summer. Hosack served as an assistant coach of the squad, while Russell played outside hitter on the squad. Hosack, Russell and the rest of team U.S.A finished 11th in the 11-day tournament that featured 20 different teams from around the world.

### LEADING LIONS

Redshirt junior Connor Curry and redshirt sophomore Matt Seifert have been voted as the two team captains for the 2014 season.

### AVCA DIV. I-II COACHES' POLL - WEEK FOUR

Rank	School	Points	Record
T1	Loyola-Chicago (11)	254	6-1
T1	UCLA (5)	254	6-1
2	Pepperdine (1)	229	4-1
3	BYU (1)	204	2-Jun
4	Southern California	198	2-Apr
5	Long Beach State	181	3-Apr
6	Stanford	162	3-Apr
7	UC Irvine	150	4-May
8	UC Santa Barbara	116	2-Mar
9	Lewis	111	2-Jun
10	Hawai'i	107	2-May
<b>11</b>	<b>PENN STATE</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>2-MAR</b>
12	Cal State Northridge	36	3-Feb
13	IPFW	35	1-Mar
14	Ohio State	28	3-Apr

Others Receiving Votes: Harvard 17; Princeton 2

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## CONNOR CURRY

Redshirt-Junior  
Newport Beach, Calif. • Newport Harbor

6-0 • LIBERO

**2014 (Redshirt-junior):** 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).

### 2014 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:.....N/A  
 Attacks:.....N/A  
 Hitting Percentage:.....N/A  
 Assists:..... 3 vs. Ball State (1/18)  
 Aces:.....N/A  
 Digs:..... 17 vs. UCLA (1/11)  
 Blocks:.....N/A

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills:.....N/A  
 Attacks:..... 1, 3x, last vs. Lees-McRae (4/5/13)  
 Hitting Percentage:.....N/A  
 Assists:..... 4, 4x, last at Concordia (4/12/13)  
 Aces:.....N/A  
 Digs:..... 21, 2x, last vs. Harvard (1/26/13)  
 Blocks:.....N/A



## NICK GOODELL

Redshirt-Junior  
Ambridge, Pa. • Ambridge

6-4 • OUTSIDE HITTER

**2014 (Redshirt-junior):** Recorded 13 kills, one ace, four digs and two blocks against No. 7 UCLA (1/10) ... Totaled 19 kills on .455 hitting at No. 14 Hawaii (1/10), adding one ace, four digs and one block ... Tallied his third consecutive double-digit kill match with 13 against No. 12 Ohio State (1/11), adding two aces and seven digs ... Registered seven kills and six digs against No. 14 IPFW (1/17) ... Posted five kills, five digs, three aces and two blocks against Ball State (1/18).

### 2014 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... 19 at Hawaii (1/10)  
 Attacks:..... 37 vs. UCLA (1/9)  
 Hitting Percentage:..... .455 (19-4-33) vs. Hawaii (1/10)  
 Assists:.....N/A  
 Aces:..... 3 vs. Ball State (1/19)  
 Digs:..... 7 vs. Ohio State (1/11)  
 Blocks:..... 2x, last vs. Ball State (1/18)

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 22 vs. Harvard (4/7/12)  
 Attacks:..... 43 at IPFW (3/9/13)  
 Hitting Percentage:..... .750 (15-0-20) at Harvard (2/17/12)  
 Assists:..... 1, 7x, last vs. NJIT (4/20)  
 Aces:..... 6 at Concordia (4/12/13)  
 Digs:..... 9 at IPFW (3/9/13)  
 Blocks:..... 6 vs. Sacred Heart (4/6/12)

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## AARON RUSSELL

Junior  
Ellicott City, Md. • Centennial

6-4 • OUTSIDE HITTER

**2014 (Junior):** 2014 Off the Block Preseason All-American ... EIVA Offensive Player of the Week (1/19) ... Registered a team-high 19 kills against No. 7 UCLA (1/9), tallying two aces, nine digs and one block ... 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), totaling three digs and one block ... Recorded his first double-double of the season against No. 14 IPFW (1/17), with 12 kills and 10 digs, adding three blocks ... Set a season-high mark with 21 kills on .436 hitting against Ball State (1/18), adding four digs.

### 2014 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... 21 vs. Ball State (1/18)  
 Attacks:..... 41 vs. UCLA (1/9)  
 Hitting Percentage:..... .436 (21-4-39) vs. Ball State (1/18)  
 Assists:..... 2 at Hawaii (1/10)  
 Aces:..... 4 at Hawaii (1/10)  
 Digs:..... 10 vs. IPFW (1/17)  
 Blocks..... 2 at Hawaii (1/10)

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 22 vs. Princeton (2/23/13)  
 Attacks:..... 43 vs. Princeton (2/23/13)  
 Hitting Percentage:..... .778 (7-0-9), 2x, last vs. Harvard (2/17/12)  
 Assists:..... 3 at NJIT (3/23/12)  
 Aces:..... 4 vs. Princeton (4/25/13)  
 Digs:..... 13 vs. NJIT (4/20)  
 Blocks:..... 8 vs. Sacred Heart (4/6/12)



## KYLE GREGAN

Junior  
Pittsburgh, Pa. • North Allegheny

6-8 • MIDDLE HITTER

**2014 (Junior):** Has not played in any matches yet this season.

### 2013 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... 2 vs. Rutgers-Newark (4/19)  
 Attacks:..... 4 vs. Rutgers-Newark (4/19)  
 Hitting Percentage:..... N/A  
 Assists:..... N/A  
 Aces:..... N/A  
 Digs:..... 2 vs. Rutgers-Newark (4/19)  
 Blocks:..... 1 vs. Rutgers-Newark (4/19)

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 2 vs. Rutgers-Newark (4/19/13)  
 Attacks:..... 4 vs. Rutgers-Newark (4/19/13)  
 Hitting Percentage:..... N/A  
 Assists:..... N/A  
 Aces:..... N/A  
 Digs:..... 2 vs. Rutgers-Newark (4/19/13)  
 Blocks:..... 1, 2x, last vs. Rutgers-Newark (4/19/13)



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## MATT SEIFERT

Redshirt-Sophomore  
Reading, Pa. • Exeter Township

6-9 • MIDDLE HITTER

**2014 (Redshirt-sophomore):** Posted nine kills, one ace and three blocks against No. 7 UCLA (1/9) ... Had four kills, one dig and one block at No. 14 Hawaii (1/10) ... Registered eight kills on .417 hitting against No. 12 Ohio State (1/11), adding one ace and one block ... Totaled five kills and three blocks against No. 14 IPFW (1/17) ... Logged three kills and two aces against Ball State (1/18).

### 2014 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... 9 vs. UCLA (1/9)  
Attacks:.....20 vs. UCLA (1/9)  
Hitting Percentage:..... .417 (8-3-12) vs. Ohio State (1/11)  
Assists:..... 1 vs. Ohio State (1/11)  
Aces:..... 2 vs. Ball State (1/19)  
Digs: .....1, 2x last vs. Ohio State (1/11)  
Blocks: .....3 vs. UCLA (1/11)

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 11 at IPFW (3/9/13)  
Attacks:..... 20 vs. UCLA (1/9/13)  
Hitting Percentage:......78 (7-1-9) vs. Rutgers-Newark (4/19/13)  
Assists:..... 1, 2x, last at George Mason (3/30/13)  
Aces:..... 3 vs. Sacred Heart (1/25/13)  
Digs: ..... 2, 5x, last at George Mason (3/30/13)  
Blocks: ..... 8 vs. Princeton (2/23/13)



## TAYLOR HAMMOND

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

6-4 • SETTER

**2014 (Redshirt-sophomore):** Dished out 54 assists against No. 7 UCLA (1/9), adding one kill, one ace and five blocks ... Paced the Nittany Lions to a .325 hitting clip against No. 14 Hawaii, distributing 52 assists and eight digs ... Posted four digs, one kill and one block 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 and five digs ... Had 40 assists, seven digs and two kills against Ball State (1/18).

### 2014 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... 3, vs. IPFW (1/17)  
Attacks:.....3, 2x last vs. Ball State (1/18)  
Hitting Percentage:..... 1.000 (3-0-3) vs. IPFW (1/11)  
Assists:..... 52 vs. UCLA (1/9)  
Aces:..... 1 vs. UCLA (1/10)  
Digs: ..... 8 vs. Hawaii (1/10)  
Blocks: ..... 1, 3x last vs. Ohio State (1/11)

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 3, 2x last vs. IPFW (1/17/14)  
Attacks:.....6 vs. Lewis (1/18/13)  
Hitting Percentage:.....N/A  
Assists:..... 56 at IPFW (3/9/13)  
Aces:.....2 at Saint Francis (3/23/13)  
Digs: ..... 11 at George Mason (3/30/13)  
Blocks: ..... 3, 4x, last at Saint Francis (3/23/13)

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## MATT CALLAWAY

Redshirt-Freshman  
Wheaton, Ill. •  
Wheaton Warrenville South

6-7 • MIDDLE HITTER/OPPOSITE

**2014 (Redshirt-Freshman):** 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, including one solo stuff 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).

### 2014 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... 8 at Hawaii (1/10)  
Attacks:..... 17 at Hawaii (1/10)  
Hitting Percentage:..... .545 (6-0-11 ) vs. UCLA (1/9)  
Assists:..... 1 vs. Ohio State (1/11)  
Aces:..... N/A  
Digs: ..... 4 vs. UCLA (1/9)  
Blocks: ..... 5 vs. Ball State (1/18)

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... 8 at Hawaii (1/10)  
Attacks:..... 17 at Hawaii (1/10)  
Hitting Percentage:..... .545 (6-0-11 ) vs. UCLA (1/9)  
Assists:..... 1 VS. Ohio State (1/11)  
Aces:..... N/A  
Digs: ..... 4 vs. UCLA (1/9)  
Blocks: ..... 5 vs. Ball State (1/18)



## ANDREW ROBERTS

Redshirt-Freshman  
Grantville, Pa. • Lower Dauphin

6-4 • OPPOSITE

**2014 (Redshirt-freshman):** Has not played in any matches yet this season.

### 2014 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:..... N/A  
Attacks:..... N/A  
Hitting Percentage:..... N/A  
Assists:..... N/A  
Aces:..... N/A  
Digs: ..... N/A  
Blocks: ..... N/A

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills:..... N/A  
Attacks:..... N/A  
Hitting Percentage:..... N/A  
Assists:..... N/A  
Aces:..... N/A  
Digs: ..... N/A  
Blocks: ..... N/A



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## ZACK PARIK

Sophomore  
Woodridge, Ill. •  
Downers Grove North

6-4 • SETTER

**2014 (Sophomore):** 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).

### 2014 SEASON HIGHS

Kills: .....N/A  
Attacks: .....N/A  
Hitting Percentage: .....N/A  
Assists: .....N/A  
Aces: .....N/A  
Digs: ..... 1 vs. Ohio State (1/11)  
Blocks: .....N/A

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills: ..... 1 at Ohio State (3/16/13)  
Attacks: ..... 1 at Ohio State (3/16/13)  
Hitting Percentage: .....N/A  
Assists: ..... 10, 2x, last vs. Rutgers-Newark (4/19/13)  
Aces: ..... 2 at Rutgers-Newark (3/1/13)  
Digs: ..... 3 at Rutgers-Newark (3/1/13)  
Blocks: .....N/A



## SPENCER SAUTER

Redshirt-Freshman  
Woodridge, Ill. • Naperville North

6-7 • OUTSIDE HITTER

**2014 (Redshirt-freshman):** Had one dig against No. 7 UCLA (1/9) .... Posted one kill and two digs at No. 14 Hawaii (1/10) ... Has seen action on the court in the last three consecutive matches against No. 12 Ohio State (1/11), No. 14 IPFW (1/17) and Ball State (1/18).

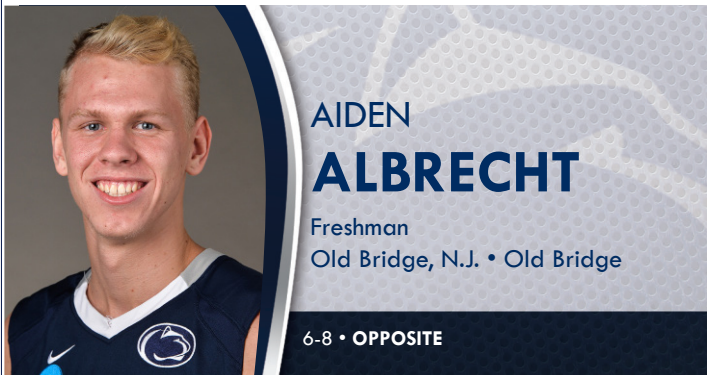
### 2014 SEASON HIGHS

Kills: ..... 1 at Hawaii (1/10)  
Attacks: ..... 1 at Hawaii (1/10)  
Hitting Percentage: ..... 1.000 (1-0-1) at Hawaii (1/10)  
Assists: .....N/A  
Aces: .....N/A  
Digs: ..... 2 at Hawaii (1/10)  
Blocks: .....N/A

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills: ..... 1 at Hawaii (1/10)  
Attacks: ..... 1 at Hawaii (1/10)  
Hitting Percentage: ..... 1.000 (1-0-1) at Hawaii (1/10)  
Assists: .....N/A  
Aces: .....N/A  
Digs: ..... 2 at Hawaii (1/10)  
Blocks: .....N/A

# PENN STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL



AIDEN  
**ALBRECHT**

Freshman  
Old Bridge, N.J. • Old Bridge

6-8 • OPPOSITE

**2014 (Freshman):** Has not played in any matches yet this season.

## HIGH SCHOOL

A three-year letter winner at Old Bridge High School and team captain during his senior season ... Collected MVP honors both junior and senior year ... Earned Greater Middlesex Conference All-League Honors both junior and senior year ... Member of the 2012 Boys' Youth National Team and 2013 member of the Boys Youth National Training Team ... Earned N.J. First Team All-State honors in 2012 and 2013 ... Named the 2013 N.J. Player of the Year... Played club for Warren SixPak.

## PERSONAL

Born Aidan Thomas Albrecht on April 17, 1995 in New Brunswick, N.J. ... Parents are Todd and Kimberly Albrecht... Has two brothers, Colin (20) and Logan (11) ... Bother, Logan, is a student at Rutgers.



JOEY  
**FARRELL**

Freshman  
Lombard, Ill. • Glenbard East

6-5 • OUTSIDE HITTER

**2014 (Freshman):** Has not played in any matches yet this season.

## HIGH SCHOOL

Earned Academic All American all four years ... Named team captain junior and senior year ... Earned team MVP senior year ... Named to the Dupage Valley Conference team ... Voted all conference ... Named to the Chicago Sun-Times 50 top players list ... Holds the school record for kills and is second for aces ... Named to the second team All American team for USA Volleyball Magazine ... Is a USA Volleyball Magazine Top 30 underclassmen to watch.

## PERSONAL

Full name is Joseph Michael Farrell ... Born on October 19, 1994 in Lombard, Illinois ... Son of Michelle and James Farrell ... Has a brother named Kevin (20) and two sisters, Ashley (23) and Allison (16).

# PENN STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL



## CHRIS NUGENT

Freshman  
Fair Lawn, N.J. • Fair Lawn

6-4 • OUTSIDE HITTER

**2014 (Freshman):** Made his collegiate debut on the court against No. 7 UCLA (1/9).

### HIGH SCHOOL

A two-year team captain and 2013 MVP at Fair Lawn High School in Fair Lawn, Pa. ... Earned First team All-League and All-State selections during his senior year... y... 2012 New Jersey state player of the year... Competed on the 2013 Boys Youth National Team ... Played club for Warren SixPak... Also earned two letters in soccer

### PERSONAL

Born Christopher William Nugent on May 17, 1995 in Morristown, N.J. ... Parents are William and Catherine Nugent... Has one brother Dan (20)... Majoring in civil engineering.

### 2014 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:.....N/A  
Attacks:.....N/A  
Hitting Percentage:.....N/A  
Assists:.....N/A  
Aces:.....N/A  
Digs:.....N/A  
Blocks:.....N/A

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills:.....N/A  
Attacks:.....N/A  
Hitting Percentage:.....N/A  
Assists:.....N/A  
Aces:.....N/A  
Digs:.....N/A  
Blocks:.....N/A



## KEVIN GEAR

Freshman  
Rochester, N.Y. • Gates-Chili

6-7 • MIDDLE BLOCKER

**2014 (Freshman):** Has not played in any matches yet this season.

### HIGH SCHOOL

The two-time Gates-Chili High School MVP served as team captain his senior year ... Earned First Team All-League honors his junior and senior year and Second Team All-League accolades his sophomore year... A member of the Sectional All-Tournament Team both junior and senior year... An All-Greater Rochester (AGR) selection his senior year and an honorable mention in his junior year... Guided his team to the Division II Championship ... Earned the Scholar-Athlete his senior year... Played club for Victor Volleyball Club ... Earned two letters on the tennis team, garnering MVP honors his senior year.

### PERSONAL

Born Kevin Robert Gear on December 6, 1994 in Rochester, NY. ... Parents are Steven and Christine Gear ... Has one brother, Kyle (14), and one sister, Shelby (21)... Majoring in engineering.... Sister, Shelby, plays volleyball at Lycoming College



## JALEN PENROSE

Freshman  
Cambridge, Mass. • Cambridge  
Rindge and Latin School

6-7 • OUTSIDE HITTER

**2014 (Freshman):** Has not played in any matches yet this season.

### HIGH SCHOOL

A two-year team captain and MVP at Cambridge Rindge & Latin School in Cambridge, Mas ... Competed in the Dual County League as a three-time All-Star... Recipient of 2012 and 2013 Boston Globe & Boston Herald All Scholastics honors... Helped guide his team to the 2012 State Championship title ... Became a member of his school's 1,000 point club, finishing his interscholastic career with 1,422 total kills ... Played club for Beantown Volleyball... Helped the team to a 2013 NERVA Regional Championship.

### PERSONAL

Born Jalen Penrose on December 9, 1994 in Boston, Mass. ... Parents are Corey Penrose and Kelley Leary.



# PENN STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## 2014 SCHEDULE & RESULTS (3-2, 0-0 EIVA)

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	SET SCORES	SITE	ATT.	RECORD	TIME
1/9	UCLA@	L	3-2	15-25, 25-22, 25-23, 21-25, 14-16	Honolulu, Hawaii	---	0-1	2:08
1/10	Hawaii@	L	3-1	25-20, 22-25, 24-26, 21-25	Honolulu, Hawaii	2,750	0-2	2:13
1/11	Ohio State@	W	3-0	28-26, 25-20, 25-19	Honolulu, Hawaii	---	1-2	1:17
1/17	IPFW	W	3-0	25-21, 25-16, 25-23	University Park, Pa.	578	2-2	1:26
1/18	Ball State	W	3-1	16-25, 25-22, 25-26, 25-22	University Park, Pa.	398	3-2	1:51

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

# PENN STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## All matches

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

#	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
11	Spencer Sauter	16	1	0.06	0	1	1.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	3	0.19	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
1	Taylor Hammond	19	7	0.37	1	11	.545	225	11.84	3	4	0.16	0	29	1.53	1	5	6	0.32	0	3	13.5
17	Matt Callaway	19	30	1.58	7	59	.390	2	0.11	0	3	0.00	0	8	0.42	2	12	14	0.74	0	0	38.0
8	Aaron Russell	19	78	4.11	29	162	.302	3	0.16	7	13	0.37	6	34	1.79	2	6	8	0.42	0	0	90.0
9	Peter Russell	19	57	3.00	26	120	.258	5	0.26	0	5	0.00	4	23	1.21	3	5	8	0.42	0	0	62.5
18	Matt Seifert	19	29	1.53	15	61	.230	1	0.05	4	9	0.21	0	4	0.21	1	8	9	0.47	1	0	38.0
4	Nick Goodell	19	57	3.00	26	142	.218	2	0.11	7	13	0.37	0	26	1.37	0	6	6	0.32	0	0	67.0
3	Connor Curry	19	0	0.00	0	0	.000	9	0.47	0	0	0.00	7	49	2.58	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
10	Chris Nugent	1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
2	Zack Parik	16	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	1	0.00	0	1	0.06	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	0.0
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	PENN STATE	19	259	13.63	104	556	.279	247	13.00	21	48	1.11	17	177	9.32	9	42	30.0	1.58	1	4	310.0
	Opponents	19	243	12.79	83	531	.301	225	11.84	17	65	0.89	21	141	7.42	9	78	48.0	2.53	9	5	308.0

Team Statistics	PSU	OPP
<b>ATTACK</b>		
Kills	259	243
Errors	104	83
Total Attacks	556	531
Attack Pct	.279	.301
Kills/Set	13.6	12.8
<b>SET</b>		
Assists	247	225
Attempts	543	529
Assist Pct	.455	.425
Assists/Set	13.0	11.8
<b>SERVE</b>		
Aces	21	17
Errors	48	65
Attempts	435	418
Serve Pct	.890	.844
Aces/Set	1.1	0.9
<b>SERVE RECEPTIONS</b>		
Errors	17	21
Errors/Set	0.9	1.1
Attempts	353	387
Reception Pct	.952	.946
<b>DEFENSE</b>		
Digs	177	141
Digs/Set	9.3	7.4
<b>BLOCKING</b>		
Block Solo	9	9
Block Assist	42	78
Total Blocks	30.0	48.0
Blocks/Set	1.6	2.5
Block Errors	1	9
Ball handling errors	4	5
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	976	2750
Dates/Avg Per Date	2/488	1/2750
Neutral site #/Avg	2/0	-
Current win streak	3	-
Home win streak	2	-

Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	Att.
Jan 09	vs #7 UCLA	L 2-3	15-25,25-22,25-23,21-25,14-16	0
Jan 10	at #14 Hawai'i	L 1-3	25-20,22-25,24-26,21-25	2750
Jan 11	vs #12 Ohio State	w 3-0	28-26,25-20,25-19	0
Jan 17	#14 IPFW	w 3-0	25-21,25-16,25-23	578
Jan 18	BALL STATE	w 3-1	16-25,25-22,25-16,25-22	398

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

# PENN STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## 2014 PENN STATE SUPERLATIVES

THREE SETS	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Kills:	13 - Nick Goodell vs. Ohio State (1/11)	49 - vs. Ohio State (1/11)
Attacks:	28 - Aaron Russell vs. Ohio State (1/11)	96 - vs. Ohio State (1/11)
Attack Percentage*:	.429 (12-3-21) - Aaron Russell vs. IPFW (1/17)	.322(43-14-90) vs. IPFW (1/17)
Assists:	44 - Taylor Hammond vs. Ohio State (1/11)	47 - vs. Ohio State (1/11)
Aces:	2, 2x last - Taylor Hammond vs. IPFW (1/17)	3, 2x last vs. IPFW (1/17)
Digs:	10 - Aaron Russell vs. IPFW (1/17)	36- vs. IPFW (1/17)
Solo Blocks:	1, 4x - last T. Hammond, A. Russell, M. Seifert vs. IPFW (1/17)	3 - vs. IPFW (1/17)
Block Assists:	2, 4x - last A. Russell, M. Callaway, M. Seifert vs. IPFW (1/17)	8 - vs. IPFW (1/17)
Total Blocks:	3, 3x - last A. Russell and M. Seifert vs. IPFW (1/17)	7.0 - vs. IPFW (1/17)

FOUR SETS	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Kills:	21 - Aaron Russell vs. Ball State (1/18)	58 - at Hawaii (1/10)
Attacks:	39 - Aaron Russell vs. Ball State (1/18)	120 - at Hawaii (1/10)
Attack Percentage*:	.455 (19-4-33) Nick Goodell at Hawaii (1/10)	.325 (58-19-120) - at Hawaii (1/10)
Assists:	52 - Taylor Hammond at Hawaii (1/10)	55 - at Hawaii (1/10)
Aces:	4 - Aaron Russell at Hawaii (1/10)	5, 2x last vs. Ball State (1/18)
Digs:	11 - Connor Curry at Hawaii (1/10)	37 - at Hawaii (1/10)
Solo Blocks:	3 - Peter Russell vs. Ball State (1/18)	3 - vs. Ball State (1/18)
Block Assists:	5 - Matt Callaway vs. Ball State (1/18)	12 - vs. Ball State (1/18)
Total Blocks:	5, 2x - M. Callaway and P. Russell vs. Ball State (1/18)	9.0 - vs. Ball State (1/18)

FIVE SETS	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Kills:	19 - Aaron Russell vs. UCLA (1/9)	60 - vs. UCLA (1/9)
Attacks:	41 - Aaron Russell vs. UCLA (1/9)	136 - vs. UCLA (1/9)
Attack Percentage*:	.545 (6-0-11) - Matt Callaway vs. UCLA (1/9)	.213 (60-31-136) - vs. UCLA (1/9)
Assists:	54 - Taylor Hammond - vs. UCLA (1/9)	59 - vs. UCLA (1/9)
Aces:	2 - Aaron Russell vs. UCLA (1/9)	5 - vs. UCLA (1/9)
Digs:	17 - Connor Curry vs. UCLA (1/9)	46 - vs. UCLA (1/9)
Solo Blocks:	N/A	N/A
Block Assists:	3 - Matt Seifert vs. UCLA (1/9)	9 - vs. UCLA (1/9)
Total Blocks:	3 - Matt Seifert vs. UCLA (1/9)	4.5 - vs. UCLA (1/9)

## 2014 OPPONENT SUPERLATIVES

THREE SETS	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Kills:	11 - Eddie Rivera, IPFW (1/17)	38 - IPFW (1/17)
Attacks:	26 - Eddie Rivera, IPFW (1/17)	96 - IPFW (1/17)
Attack Percentage*:	.667 (6-0-9) Driss Guessous, Ohio State (1/11)	.227 (32-15-75) - Ohio State (1/11)
Assists:	32- Omar Rivera, IPFW (1/17)	36 - IPFW (1/17)
Aces:	1, 4x - last Ramon Burgos, IPFW (1/17)	3 - Ohio State (1/11)
Digs:	6, 2x - last Eddie Rivera, IPFW (1/17)	25 - IPFW (1/17)
Solo Blocks:	1, 4X - Omar Rivera, IPFW (1/17)	3 - Ohio State (1/11)
Block Assists:	4 - Shawn Herron, Ohio State (1/11)	14 - Ohio State (1/11)
Total Blocks:	4 - Shawn Herron, Ohio State (1/11)	10.0 - Ohio State (1/11)

FOUR SETS	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Kills:	22 - Sinisa Zarkovic, Hawaii (1/10)	62 - Hawaii (1/10)
Attacks:	38 - Sinisa Zarkovic, Hawaii (1/10)	123 - Hawaii (1/10)
Attack Percentage*:	.600 (9-0-15) - Nick West, Hawaii (1/10)	.350 (62-19-123) - Hawaii (1/10)
Assists:	48 - Joby Ramos, Hawaii (1/10)	56 - Hawaii (1/10)
Aces:	3 - Matt Leske, Ball State (1/18)	5 - Ball State (1/18)
Digs:	7 - Kolby Kanetake, Hawaii (1/10)	32 - Hawaii (1/10)
Solo Blocks:	1, 3x last - Shane Witmer, Ball State (1/18)	2 - Hawaii (1/10)
Block Assists:	6- 2x - Matt Leske and Shane Witmer, Ball State (1/18)	21 - Ball State (1/18)
Total Blocks:	7 - Shane Witmer, Ball State (1/18)	11.5 - Ball State (1/18)

FIVE SETS	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Kills:	23 - Robart Page, UCLA (1/9)	60 - UCLA (1/9)
Attacks:	40 - Robart Page, UCLA (1/9)	128 - UCLA (1/9)
Attack Percentage*:	.727 (8-0-11) Trent Kersten , UCLA (1/9)	.213 (60-31-136) - UCLA (1/9)
Assists:	52 - Steve O'Dell, UCLA (1/9)	59 - UCLA (1/9)
Aces:	4 - Mitch Stahl, UCLA (1/9)	5 - UCLA (1/9)
Digs:	11 - Robart Page, UCLA (1/9)	11 - UCLA (1/9)
Solo Blocks:	1, 2x R. Page and Spencer Rowe, UCLA (1/9)	2 - UCLA (1/9)
Block Assists:	6, 2x T. Kersten and S. Rowe, UCLA (1/9)	27 - UCLA (1/9)
Total Blocks:	7 - Spencer Rowe, UCLA (1/9)	15.5 - UCLA (1/9)

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