



PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

SEVEN-TIME NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

2015 OUTLOOK

- Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 12/6 • Starters Returning/Lost: 4/3 + libero
- Newcomers: (4)

RETURNING STARTERS

NO.	POS.	NAME	YR.	MP	SP	K/S	PCT.	A/S	SA/S	D/S	B/S
17	OH	Megan Courtney	Sr.	39	127	2.44	.283	0.52	0.09	2.34	0.74
14	OH/RS	Aiyana Whitney	RS-Sr.	39	126	2.95	.352	0.04	0.02	0.33	0.78
5	OH	Ali Frantti	So.	39	122	3.20	.310	0.17	0.23	1.30	0.48
15	MB	H. Washington	So.	27	80	2.63	.463	0.06	0.00	0.29	1.22

OTHER RETURNERS

NO.	POS.	NAME	YR.	MP	SP	K/S	PCT.	A/S	SA/S	D/S	B/S
3	DS	Kendall Pierce	Sr.	37	79	0.01	.500	0.03	0.05	0.59	0.00
8	DS	Lainy Pierce	So.	30	61	0.00	.000	0.07	0.18	0.31	0.00
22	OH	Simone Lee	So.	26	64	2.11	.234	0.02	0.00	0.44	0.39
13	DS	Taylor Krause	Jr.	20	29	0.03	1.000	0.00	0.03	0.28	0.00
24	DS	Laura Broerman	Jr.	16	18	0.00	.000	0.00	0.11	0.17	0.00
2	DS	Lara Caraway	Sr.	16	22	0.00	.000	0.06	0.06	0.44	0.00
10	DS	Carley Muller	Jr.	14	14	0.00	.000	0.00	0.07	0.14	0.00
19	MB	Heidi Thelen	So.	6	9	1.11	.364	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.78
6	OH	Nia Reed	RS-Fr.	0	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21	S	B. Weiskircher	RS-Fr.	0	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

NEWCOMERS

NAME	POS.	YR.	HT.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
Tori Gorrell	MB	Fr.	6-2	Oakville, Ontario/Abbey Park
Keeton Holcomb	DS	Fr.	5-5	Bellville, Texas/Bellville
Jelena Novaković	OPP	Fr.	6-2	Belgrade, Serbia/Tourism High School
Wilma Rivera	S	Fr.	5-8	Carolina, Puerto Rico/St. Francis School

KEY DEPARTURES

NO.	POS.	NAME	YR.	MP	SP	K/S	PCT.	A/S	SA/S	D/S	B/S
4	L	Dominique Gonzalez	Sr.	39	127	0.01	.250	0.75	0.20	3.76	0.00
7	MB	Nia Grant	Sr.	38	125	2.32	.431	0.08	0.14	0.52	1.14
12	S	Micha Hancock	Sr.	39	127	1.14	.386	11.61	0.99	1.84	0.68
33	DS	Lacey Fuller	Sr.	39	127	0.00	.000	0.13	0.09	1.67	0.00

PENN STATE AT A GLANCE

THE UNIVERSITY

Location: University Park, Pa.
 Founded: 1855
 Enrollment: 46,068
 Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Nittany Lions
 Conference: Big Ten
 President: Dr. Eric J. Barron
 Director of Athletics: Sandy Barbour
 SWA Charmelle Greene
 Facility (capacity): Rec Hall (5,812)

VOLLEYBALL STAFF

Head Coach: Russ Rose (37th season)
 Alma Mater: George Williams, 1975
 Overall Record (Yrs/Pct): 1,161-180 (36/.866)
 School Record: same
 Associate Head Coach: Salima Rockwell
 Assistant Coach: Stevie Mussie
 Director of Operations: Jesse Tupac
 Volunteer Assistant Shawn Sangrey
 Office Phone: (814) 863-7474
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 Office Address: 235 Rec Hall

SEASON IN REVIEW

2014 Record: 36-3
 Home: 18-1
 Away: 10-2
 Neutral: 8-0
 Big Ten record (finish): 18-2 (2nd)
 Final AVCA Ranking: No. 1
 Postseason Play: NCAA national champions
 First round: def. Siena, 3-0
 Second round: def. Dayton, 3-0
 Regional semifinal: def. UCLA, 3-0
 Regional final: def. Wisconsin, 3-1
 National semifinal: def. Stanford, 3-1
 National final: def. BYU, 3-0

NITTANY LION VOLLEYBALL HISTORY

First Year of Volleyball: 1976
 All-Time Record (Years): 1,212-220-4 (39)
 All-Time Big Ten Record: 425-54
 Years/Win Pct.: 24/.887
 Big Ten Titles: (16) '92, '93, '96, '97, '98, '99, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '12, '13
 NCAA Tournament Appearances: 34
 NCAA Tournament Record: 90-27
 NCAA National Championships: 7
 (1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014)

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AUGUST

28-29 - PENN STATE CLASSIC - UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.

Fri.	28	Stony Brook vs. Villanova vs. Buffalo	University Park, Pa. University Park, Pa.	5 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sat.	29	Buffalo vs. Villanova vs. Stony Brook Buffalo vs. Stony Brook vs. Villanova	University Park, Pa. University Park, Pa. University Park, Pa. University Park, Pa.	10 a.m. 1 p.m. 5 p.m. 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

4-5 - BIG TEN/PAC-12 CHALLENGE - UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.

Fri.	4	Illinois vs. Stanford vs. Colorado	University Park, Pa. University Park, Pa.	5 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Sat.	5	Colorado vs. Illinois vs. Stanford	University Park, Pa. University Park, Pa.	5:30 p.m. 8 p.m.

11-12 - GOLDEN DOME INVITATIONAL - SOUTH BEND, Ind.

Fri.	11	vs. Eastern Kentucky	South Bend, Ind.	4:30 p.m.
Sat.	12	vs. Mississippi State at Notre Dame	South Bend, Ind. South Bend, Ind.	10 a.m. 7 p.m.

18-19 - SOUTH FLORIDA INVITATIONAL - TAMPA, Fla.

Fri.	18	vs. Auburn	Tampa, Fla.	6 p.m.
Sat.	19	vs. St. John's at USF	Tampa, Fla. Tampa, Fla.	1 p.m. 7 p.m.

Wed.	23	vs. Wisconsin*	University Park, Pa.
Sat.	26	vs. Minnesota*	University Park, Pa.

OCTOBER

Fri.	2	vs. Nebraska*	University Park, Pa.
Sat.	3	vs. Iowa*	University Park, Pa.
Fri.	9	at Illinois*	Champaign, Ill.
Sat.	10	at Northwestern*	Evanston, Ill.
Fri.	16	vs. Indiana*	University Park, Pa.
Sat.	17	vs. Purdue*	University Park, Pa.
Wed.	21	at Michigan*	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Sat.	24	at Michigan State*	East Lansing, Mich.
Wed.	28	at Ohio State*	Columbus, Ohio
Fri.	30	vs. Ohio State*	University Park, Pa.

NOVEMBER

Thurs.	5	at Maryland*	College Park, Md.
Fri.	6	at Rutgers*	Piscataway, N.J.
Wed.	11	at Iowa*	Iowa City, Iowa
Sat.	14	at Minnesota*	Minneapolis, Minn.
Wed.	18	vs. Michigan*	University Park, Pa.
Sat.	21	vs. Maryland*	University Park, Pa.
Wed.	25	vs. Northwestern*	University Park, Pa.
Sat.	28	at Nebraska*	Lincoln, Neb.

DECEMBER

Fri.	5	NCAA First Round	Campus Sites	TBD
Sat.	6	NCAA Second Round	Campus Sites	TBD
Fri.	11	NCAA Regional Semifinals	(Austin, Des Moines, Lexington, San Diego)	TBD
Sat.	12	NCAA Regional Championship	(Austin, Des Moines, Lexington, San Diego)	TBD
Thurs.	17	NCAA National Semifinals	Omaha, Neb.,	TBD
Sat.	19	NCAA National Championship	Omaha, Neb.	TBD

Home matches played at Rec Hall in **bold** • All times EST • * Indicates Big Ten Match • All dates and times are subject to change

NUMERICAL

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YR.</u>	<u>POS.</u>	<u>HT.</u>	<u>HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL</u>
2	Lara Caraway	Sr.	DS	5-4	Evans City, Pa./Home Schooled
3	Kendall Pierce	Sr.	DS	5-5	Eden, N.Y./Eden Jr-Sr.
4	Wilma Rivera	Fr.	S	5-8	Carolina, Puerto Rico/St.Francis School
5	Ali Frantti	So.	OH	6-2	Spring Grove, Ill./Richmond Burton
6	Nia Reed	RS-Fr.	OH	6-2	Fort Lee, N.J./Immaculate Heart Academy
8	Lainy Pierce	So.	DS	5-6	Eden, N.Y./Eden
10	Carley Muller	Jr.	DS	5-8	Manhattan Beach, Calif./Mira Costa
11	Tori Gorrell	Fr.	MB	6-2	Oakville, Ontario (Canada)/Abbey Park
12	Keeton Holcomb	Fr.	DS	5-5	Bellville, Texas/Bellville
13	Taylor Krause	Jr.	DS	5-5	Allentown, Pa./Parkland
14	Aiyana Whitney	RS-Sr.	OH/RS	6-3	Norwood, N.J./Northern Valley Regional
15	Haleigh Washington	So.	MB	6-3	Colorado Springs, Colo./Doherty
16	Jelena Novaković	Fr.	OPP	6-2	Belgrade, Serbia/Tourism High School
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21	Bryanna Weiskircher	RS-Fr.	S	6-0	Rockford, Ill./Boylan Catholic
22	Simone Lee	So.	OH	6-0	Menomonee Falls, Wis./Menomonee
24	Laura Broerman	Jr.	DS	5-3	Colorado Springs, Colo./St. Mary's

Head Coach:	Russ Rose (George Williams, 1975), 37th year
Associate Head Coach:	Salima Rockwell (Penn State, 1994)
Assistant Coach:	Stevie Mussie (Washington, 2008)
Director of Operations:	Jesse Tupac (UCLA)
Volunteer Assistant:	Shawn Sangrey (Ohio State)

PRONUNCIATIONS

Aiyana	EYE-yah-nuh
Lara	Lar-UH
Nia	Knee-uh
Thelen	Th-EE-len
Frantti.....	Fran-TEE
Wilma	Will-MUH
Gorell.....	GORE-elle
Jelena.....	YELL-ay-nuh
Novakovic.....	Nova-CO-vick
Bryanna	Bree-YAH-nuh
Weiskircher	Weis-KIR-cher
Broerman	BRO-er-man
Simone.....	SIM-ohne
Muller.....	Muh-LER
Stevie	Steve-EE
Mussie	Mus (like muscle)-EE
Salima	Suh-LEE-muh

ALPHABETICAL

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Penn State Combined Team Statistics (as of Dec 22, 2014) All matches

Overall record: 36-3 Conf: 18-2 Home: 18-1 Away: 10-2 Neutral: 8-0

##	Player	sp	Attack					Set		Serve			re	Dig			Blocking						points
			k	k/s	e	ta	pct	a	a/s	sa	se	sa/s		dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s	be	bhe		
5	Frantti,Ali	122	391	3.20	113	898	.310	21	0.17	28	41	0.23	13	159	1.30	10	48	58	0.48	2	2	453.0	
14	Whitney,Aiyana	126	372	2.95	109	745	.353	5	0.04	3	2	0.02	1	42	0.33	4	94	98	0.78	15	2	426.0	
17	Courtney,Megan	127	310	2.44	85	794	.283	66	0.52	11	12	0.09	26	297	2.34	16	78	94	0.74	7	2	376.0	
7	Grant,Nia	125	290	2.32	67	517	.431	10	0.08	17	34	0.14	0	65	0.52	16	126	142	1.14	7	1	386.0	
15	Washington,Haleigh	79	208	2.63	37	369	.463	5	0.06	0	0	0.00	0	23	0.29	17	79	96	1.22	7	1	264.5	
12	Hancock,Micha	127	145	1.14	31	295	.386	1475	11.61	126	109	0.99	0	234	1.84	4	82	86	0.68	11	8	316.0	
22	Lee,Simone	64	135	2.11	53	350	.234	1	0.02	0	2	0.00	0	28	0.44	5	20	25	0.39	4	0	150.0	
19	Thelen,Heidi	9	10	1.11	2	22	.364	0	0.00	0	1	0.00	0	1	0.11	1	6	7	0.78	0	0	14.0	
23	Robertson,Kelly	6	3	0.50	1	6	.333	1	0.17	0	3	0.00	0	1	0.17	0	2	2	0.33	0	0	4.0	
13	Krause,Taylor	29	1	0.03	0	1	1.000	0	0.00	1	7	0.03	0	8	0.28	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	2.0	
3	Pierce,Kendall	79	1	0.01	0	2	.500	2	0.03	4	9	0.05	4	47	0.59	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	5.0	
4	Gonzalez,Dominique	127	1	0.01	0	4	.250	95	0.75	26	43	0.20	13	478	3.76	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	27.0	
9	Dykstra,Skylar	5	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	1	1	0.20	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0	
2	Caraway,Lara	16	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.06	1	1	0.06	0	7	0.44	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0	
10	Muller,Carley	14	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	1	2	0.07	0	2	0.14	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0	
33	Fuller,Lacey	127	0	0.00	0	2	.000	17	0.13	11	11	0.09	2	212	1.67	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	11.0	
24	Broerman,Laura	18	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	2	4	0.11	0	3	0.17	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	2.0	
8	Pierce,Lainy	61	0	0.00	0	1	.000	4	0.07	11	8	0.18	0	19	0.31	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	11.0	
	PENN STATE	127	1867	14.70	498	4006	.342	1703	13.41	243	290	1.91	61	1626	12.80	73	535	340.5	2.68	53	17	2450.5	
	Opponents	127	1310	10.31	733	3940	.146	1244	9.80	61	241	0.48	243	1394	10.98	22	347	195.5	1.54	62	29	1566.5	

Team Statistics	PSU	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	Att.
ATTACK			Aug 29	TCU	w 3-0	25-10,25-17,25-17	2809
Kills	1867	1310	Aug 30	IONA	w 3-0	25-13,25-14,25-11	0
Errors	498	733	Aug 30	WILLIAM & MARY	w 3-0	25-13,25-12,25-9	3354
Total Attacks	4006	3940	Sep 05	at #2 Stanford	L 2-3	25-18,23-25,22-25,25-16,10-15	3685
Attack Pct	.342	.146	Sep 06	vs UCLA	w 3-0	25-19,27-25,25-17	412
Kills/Set	14.7	10.3	Sep 12	vs AMERICAN	w 3-1	24-26,25-8,25-14,25-16	387
SET			Sep 12	at Villanova	w 3-0	25-19,25-12,25-15	1239
Assists	1703	1244	Sep 13	vs YALE	w 3-0	25-14,25-15,25-15	673
Attempts	3782	3928	Sep 13	vs #24 Kansas	w 3-0	25-10,27-25,25-23	933
Assist Pct	.450	.317	Sep 19	EASTERN ILLINOIS	w 3-0	25-10,25-9,25-17	2467
Assists/Set	13.4	9.8	Sep 19	DEPAUL	w 3-0	25-8,25-10,25-13	2467
SERVE			Sep 20	ILLINOIS-CHICAGO	w 3-0	25-18,25-13,25-16	3337
Aces	243	61	Sep 20	EAST CAROLINA	w 3-0	25-11,25-17,25-10	3337
Errors	290	241	*Sep 24	at #5 Wisconsin	w 3-0	25-17,25-21,25-22	6012
Attempts	3093	2230	*Sep 27	at #17 Minnesota	w 3-1	27-29,25-13,25-15,25-22	5028
Serve Pct	.906	.892	*Oct 03	at #8 Nebraska	L 1-3	25-12,22-25,20-25,23-25	8585
Aces/Set	1.9	0.5	*Oct 04	at IOWA	w 3-0	25-15,25-14,25-11	1738
SERVE RECEPTIONS			*Oct 08	#24 NORTHWESTERN	w 3-0	25-20,25-17,25-17	1663
Errors	61	243	*Oct 11	#15 ILLINOIS	L 1-3	24-26,25-16,23-25,22-25	3594
Errors/Set	0.5	1.9	*Oct 17	at #14 Purdue	w 3-2	26-24,23-25,22-25,25-23,15-9	2415
Attempts	1988	2802	*Oct 18	at Indiana	w 3-0	25-11,25-19,25-15	1236
Reception Pct	.969	.913	*Oct 24	MICHIGAN	w 3-0	25-18,25-16,25-16	4622
DEFENSE			*Oct 25	MICHIGAN STATE	w 3-0	26-24,25-17,25-21	2282
Digs	1626	1394	*Oct 28	#17 OHIO STATE	w 3-0	25-15,25-22,25-12	1702
Digs/Set	12.8	11.0	*Oct 31	at #17 Ohio State	w 3-0	25-13,25-16,25-18	2918
BLOCKING			*Nov 07	RUTGERS	w 3-0	25-11,25-12,25-10	2239
Block Solo	73	22	*Nov 08	MARYLAND	w 3-0	25-11,25-18,25-15	3473
Block Assist	535	347	*Nov 12	IOWA	w 3-0	25-14,25-12,25-21	1702
Total Blocks	340.5	195.5	*Nov 15	MINNESOTA	w 3-0	25-20,25-12,25-23	5569
Blocks/Set	2.7	1.5	*Nov 19	at Michigan	w 3-0	25-19,25-23,27-25	1503
Block Errors	53	62	*Nov 22	at Maryland	w 3-0	25-15,25-18,25-14	4522
Ball handling errors	17	29	*Nov 26	at Northwestern	w 3-0	25-20,25-23,25-23	2053
ATTENDANCE			*Nov 29	#10 NEBRASKA	w 3-0	25-21,25-15,25-16	5327
Total	53623	40934	Dec 05	SIENA	w 3-0	25-17,25-10,25-5	1720
Dates/Avg Per Date	19/2822	12/3411	Dec 06	DAYTON	w 3-0	25-20,25-18,25-16	1959
Neutral site #/Avg	8/3636		Dec 12	vs UCLA	w 3-0	28-26,25-16,25-19	2851
Current win streak	20	-	Dec 13	vs Wisconsin	w 3-1	22-25,25-16,25-22,25-19	2989
Home win streak	10	-	Dec 18	vs #1 Stanford	w 3-1	25-16,23-25,25-22,25-21	9824
			Dec 20	vs BYU	w 3-0	25-21,26-24,25-14	11018