

10/12/24 - 3:30 P.M.

GAME #6



VS.



935 WINS (7th in Nation)

53 BOWL GAMES (7-9th in Nation)

31 BOWL WINS (T-4th in Nation)

102 FIRST-TEAM ALL-AMERICANS (T-7th in Nation)

Los Angeles, Calif.  
L.A. Memorial Coliseum (106,572)

Series: USC Leads 6-4  
Last Meeting: USC, 52-49  
January 2, 2017

#4/5 PENN STATE  
NITTANY LIONS

5-0, 2-0 Big Ten  
H: 4-0, A: 1-0, N: 0-0

Head Coach: James Franklin (East Stroudsburg '95)  
Record at Penn State (11th season): 93-39 (.704)  
Career Record (14th season): 117-54 (.684)  
vs. USC: 0-1

SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Time	Score	Opponent	Result	TV
8.31	8/9	at West Virginia (RV/RV)	W, 34-12	FOX
9.7	8/8	Bowling Green	W, 34-27	BTN
9.21	10/8	Kent State	W, 56-0	BTN
9.28	9/8	Illinois* (19/21)	W, 21-7	NBC
10.5	7/7	UCLA*	W, 27-11	FOX
10.12	4/5	at USC* (RV/RV)	3:30 p.m.	CBS
10.26		at Wisconsin*	--	--
11.2		Ohio State* (2/2)	--	--
11.9		Washington* (RV/RV)	--	--
11.16		at Purdue*	--	--
11.23		at Minnesota*	--	--
11.30		vs. Maryland*	--	--

\* - B1G game      Rankings: AP/Coaches



PxP: Brad Nessler  
Analyst: Gary Danielson  
Sideline: Jenny Dell



PxP: Steve Jones  
Analyst: Jack Ham  
Sideline: Brian Tripp  
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Sirius XM: 106/196/83

BY THE NUMBERS

5-0

Penn State is the only FBS team to start 5-0 in each of the last four seasons and has started 5-0 in four-straight seasons for the first time in school history.

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Tyler Warren scored the 17th total touchdown (14 receiving, 3 rushing) of his career, most all-time among PSU tight ends.

15.08

Drew Allar leads the Big Ten averaging 15.08 yards per completion, ranking 9th nationally.

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Abdul Carter ranks 11th nationally, second in Big Ten, with eight tackles for loss this year.

#RV/RV USC  
TROJANS

3-2, 1-2 Big Ten  
H: 2-0, A: 0-2, N: 1-0

Head Coach: Lincoln Riley (Texas Tech '06)  
Record at USC (3rd season): 22-10 (.688)  
Career Record (8th season): 77-20 (.794)  
vs. Penn State: First Meeting

SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Time	Score	Opponent	Result	TV
9.1	23/23	vs. LSU^ (13/12)	W, 27-20	ABC
9.7		Utah State	W, 48-0	BTN
9.21	11/12	at Michigan* (18/17)	L, 24-27	CBS
9.28	13/16	Wisconsin*	W, 38-21	CBS
10.5	11/15	at Minnesota*	L, 17-24	BTN
10.12	RV/RV	Penn State* (4/5)	3:30 p.m.	CBS
10.19		at Maryland*	4 p.m.	FS1
10.25		Rutgers* (-/RV)	11 p.m.	FOX
11.2		at Washington* (RV/RV)	--	--
11.16		Nebraska* (RV/RV)	--	--
11.23		at UCLA*	--	--
11.30		Notre Dame (11/12)	--	--

\* - B1G game      Rankings: AP/Coaches  
^ - Allegiant Stadium (Las Vegas, Nev.)

INSIDE THE GAME

NO. 4/5 PENN STATE VISITS RV/RV USC FOR FIRST MATCHUP AS BIG TEN FOES

- OPENING KICK:** No. 4/5 Penn State travels to RV/RV USC on Saturday, October 12 at the L.A. Memorial Coliseum. Kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m. on CBS.
- NITTANY LIONS ON CBS:** Penn State will play its 28th game on CBS on Saturday. The Nittany Lions are 17-10 all-time on CBS, including last season's 31-0 win over No. 24/22 Iowa.
- SERIES HISTORY:** Penn State meets USC for the 11th time in program history. Penn State trails 6-4 in the all-time series and is set for the first matchup as Big Ten opponents. Four of the previous 10 meetings came in bowl games. The last regular season meeting was in 2000 when the teams met at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. Penn State and USC last played in the 2017 Rose Bowl. Saquon Barkley rushed for 194 yards and two touchdowns while adding 55 receiving yards and a score. Trace McSorley threw for 254 yards and four touchdowns, while scoring once on the ground, and Chris Godwin caught nine passes for 187 yards and two touchdowns.
- FOURTH 100-YARD RECEIVER:** Liam Clifford earned his first career 100-yard receiving game last Saturday against UCLA with 107 yards on three catches. Clifford is the fourth Nittany Lion to record a 100-yard receiving game this season, joining Harrison Wallace III (117 at West Virginia), Tyler Warren (146 vs. Bowling Green) and Omari Evans (116 vs. Kent State). PSU has four different 100-yard receivers for the first time since 2017 (Saquon Barkley, DaeSean Hamilton, Jwan Johnson, DeAndre Thompkins).
- SECOND HALF SHUTOUT:** On the season, Penn State has allowed just 17 second-half points and ranks fourth in the country in second-half points allowed per game (3.4). PSU has not allowed a point in the third quarter this year. After holding UCLA to -9 total yards (5 passing, -14 rushing) in the third quarter, Penn State has allowed just 87 yards on 46 plays (1.9 yards per play) in the third quarter this season. PSU has given up 363 total yards on 127 second-half plays (2.9 per play) and 100 rushing yards on 64 second-half attempts (1.56 per rush).
- THE OPPOSITION:** USC is 3-2 this season, including 1-2 in Big Ten play, after falling 24-17 at Minnesota last Saturday. Miller Moss threw for 200 yards and a touchdown, while Woody Marks rushed for 134 yards and a score. Easton Mascarenas-Arnold collected a team-high 14 tackles, including one for loss.

BREAKDOWN (STAT LEADERS)

Category	Player	Stat
RUSHING	Penn State: #10 Nicholas Singleton	53 for 408 yds (102.0 ypg; 7.7 ypc), 3 TD
	USC: #4 Woody Marks	81 for 468 yds (93.6 ypg; 5.8 ypc), 4 TD
PASSING	Penn State: #15 Drew Allar	73-of-103 (70.9%), 1,101 yds (220.2 ypg), 9 TD/1 INT, 88.8 QBR
	USC: #7 Miller Moss	129-of-200 (64.5%), 1,398 yds (279.6 ypg), 9 TD/4 INT, 68.3 QBR
RECEIVING	Penn State: #44 Tyler Warren	23 for 289 yds (57.8 ypg; 12.6 ypc), 3 TD
	USC: #8 Ja'Kobi Lane	21 for 234 yds (46.8 ypg; 11.1 ypc), 4 TD
DEFENSE	Penn State: #1 Jaylen Reed	33 TT, 3.0 TFL, 1.5 SK, 1 FF, 1 FR, 2 PBU, 1 QBH
	USC: #4 Easton Mascarenas-Arnold	36 TT, 1.0 TFL, 1 INT, 1 QBH

RANKINGS COMPARISON

PSU	FBS	B1G	Stat	B1G	FBS	USC
52.8	7	2	3rd Down Offense Pct.	4	13	51.5
33.0	33	6	3rd Down Defense Pct.	1	6	26.3
71.1	9	5	Completion Pct.	11	46	64.3
157.0	11	4	Passing Defense	5	13	157.6
244.0	57	8	Passing Offense	5	20	292.8
88.8	5	2	Starting Quarterback QBR	7	41	68.3
18.0	90	13	Kick Return Avg.	5	27	23.7
4.8	104	16	Punt Return Avg.	18	127	2.1
75.0	25	7	Red Zone Defense	8	34	76.9
90.9	36	6	Red Zone Offense	5	31	91.7
76.2	4	2	Rushing Defense	17	87	158.6
217.8	17	3	Rushing Offense	10	78	149.6
11.4	8	3	Scoring Defense	11	29	18.4
34.4	33	4	Scoring Offense	6	58	30.8
2.6	24	6	Defensive Sacks Per Game	17	108	1.2
1.2	35	5	Sacks Allowed Per Game	8	57	1.6
31:00	52	9	Time of Possession	2	24	32:18
233.2	4	2	Total Defense	10	35	316.2
461.8	22	4	Total Offense	7	36	442.4
+4	21	5	Turnover Margin	14	96	-2
19.24	5	1	Explosive Play Offense Pct.	6	37	15.32
9.97	18	6	Explosive Play Defense Pct.	13	47	11.35

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# 2 2024 PENN STATE FOOTBALL

## PROGRAM NOTES

### RECENT SUCCESS

Since 2016, Penn State holds a .745 winning percentage, with a record of 79-27, the eighth-best winning percentage among Power Four programs. Penn State has won at least nine games in five of the last seven seasons.

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

A total of 616 of Penn State football student-athletes have earned Academic All-Big Ten honors since 1993 for owning at least a 3.0 grade point average and being a letterwinner.

### ONE OF NATION'S TOUGHEST HOME VENUES

Penn State owns a superlative 320-81 (.798) record inside Beaver Stadium, the nation's second-largest facility, which opened in 1960 and has a capacity of 106,572. The Nittany Lions are 49-9 in Beaver Stadium since 2016, an .845 winning percentage, the eighth-best home record among Power Four teams.

## QUICK FACTS

### UNIVERSITY

**NAME** ..... The Pennsylvania State University  
**LOCATION** ..... University Park, Pa.  
**FOUNDED** ..... 1855  
**ENROLLMENT** ..... 48,535 (UP Overall)  
**NICKNAME** ..... Nittany Lions  
**COLORS** ..... Blue & White  
**CONFERENCE** ..... Big Ten  
**DIVISION** ..... NCAA Division I  
**STADIUM** ..... Beaver Stadium (106,572)  
**STADIUM SURFACE** ..... Natural Grass  
**PRESIDENT** ..... Dr. Neeli Bendapudi  
**V.P. FOR INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS** ..... Dr. Patrick Kraft  
**HEAD COACH** ..... James Franklin (11th Season)  
**FOOTBALL OFFICE** ..... 814-865-0412  
**TICKET OFFICE** ..... 1-800-NITTANY

### FOOTBALL HISTORY

**FIRST YEAR** ..... 1887  
**ALL-TIME RECORD (135th Season)** ..... 935-409-42 (.690)  
*..... 7th in victories*  
**ALL-TIME BIG TEN RECORD (29th Season)** ..... 163-94 (.634)  
**ALL-TIME BOWL RECORD** ..... 31-20-2 (.604)  
*..... T-4th in bowl victories*  
**YEARS IN POSTSEASON PLAY** ..... 53  
*..... T-9th in bowl appearances*  
**BEAVER STADIUM RECORD** ..... 320-81 (.798)

### ASSISTANT COACHES

**TERRY M. SMITH** ..... Penn State; 1991  
*..... Associate Head Coach/  
 ..... Defensive Recruiting Coordinator/Cornerbacks (11th Season)*  
**JA'UAN SEIDER** ..... West Virginia; 2000  
*..... Assistant Head Coach/  
 ..... Co-Offensive Coordinator/Running Backs (7th Season)*  
**TOM ALLEN** ..... Marantha Baptist; 1992  
*..... Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers (1st Season)*  
**ANDY KOTELNICKI** ..... Wisconsin-River Falls; 2004  
*..... Offensive Coordinator (1st Season)*  
**JUSTIN LUSTIG** ..... Bucknell; 2000  
*..... Special Teams Coordinator/Outside Linebackers/Nickels (2nd Season)*  
**TY HOWLE** ..... Penn State; 2013  
*..... Co-Offensive Coordinator/Tight Ends (4th Season)*  
**ANTHONY POINDEXTER** ..... Virginia; 2009  
*..... Co-Defensive Coordinator/Safeties (4th Season)*  
**DEION BARNES** ..... Penn State; 2014  
*..... Defensive Line (2nd Season)*  
**MARQUES HAGANS** ..... Virginia; 2005  
*..... Offensive Recruiting Coordinator/Wide Receivers (2nd Season)*  
**PHIL TRAUTWEIN** ..... Florida; 2007  
*..... Offensive Line (5th Season)*  
**CHUCK LOSEY** ..... Vanderbilt; 2002  
*..... Assistant AD for Football Performance Enhancement (11th Season)*

## NATIONAL POLLS

### PENN STATE IN THE POLLS

Date	CFP	AP	COACHES
Preseason	-	8	9
Week 2 (9/3)	-	8	8
Week 3 (9/8)	-	8	7
Week 4 (9/15)	-	10	8
Week 5 (9/22)	-	9	8
Week 6 (9/29)	-	7	7
Week 7 (10/4)	-	4	5
Week 8 (10/11)	-	-	-
Week 9 (10/18)	-	-	-
Week 10 (10/25, 10/27)	-	-	-
Week 11 (11/3, 5)	-	-	-
Week 12 (11/10, 12)	-	-	-
Week 13 (11/17, 19)	-	-	-
Week 14 (11/24, 26)	-	-	-
Week 15 (12/1)	-	-	-

### ASSOCIATED PRESS (10/5)

1. Texas (52)	5-0	1516
2. <b>Ohio State (9)</b>	<b>5-0</b>	<b>1473</b>
3. Oregon	5-0	1348
4. <b>PENN STATE</b>	<b>5-0</b>	<b>1305</b>
5. Georgia	4-1	1299
6. Miami	6-0	1187
7. Alabama	4-1	1182
8. Tennessee	4-1	1001
9. Ole Miss	5-1	978
10. Clemson	4-1	861
11. Iowa State	5-0	853
11. Notre Dame	4-1	853
13. LSU	4-1	827
14. BYU	5-0	753
15. Texas A&M	5-1	702
16. Utah	4-1	473
17. Boise State	4-1	463
18. Kansas State	4-1	459
18. Indiana	6-0	459
20. Oklahoma	4-1	459
21. Missouri	4-1	352
22. Pitt	5-0	196
23. <b>Illinois</b>	<b>4-1</b>	<b>182</b>
24. Michigan	4-2	170
25. SMU	5-1	165

*Others receiving votes: USC 98, Nebraska 51, Navy 43, Army 33, Vanderbilt 26, Arkansas 17, Washington State 8, Iowa 8, Texas Tech 7, Syracuse 6, Washington 4, Louisville 4, Colorado 3, Kentucky 1.*

### USA TODAY/AFCA COACHES (10/5)

1. Texas (44)	5-0	1364
2. <b>Ohio State (11)</b>	<b>5-0</b>	<b>1330</b>
3. Oregon	5-0	1215
4. Georgia	4-1	1174
5. <b>PENN STATE</b>	<b>5-0</b>	<b>1163</b>
6. Miami	6-0	1085
7. Alabama	4-1	1035
8. Ole Miss	5-1	935
9. Tennessee	4-1	856
10. LSU	4-1	839
11. Clemson	4-1	818
12. Notre Dame	4-1	807
13. Iowa State	5-0	695
14. Texas A&M	5-1	564
15. BYU	5-0	549
16. Oklahoma	4-1	541
17. Utah	4-1	479
18. Missouri	4-1	473
19. Kansas State	4-1	360
20. Indiana	6-0	358
21. Michigan	4-2	224
22. Boise State	4-1	213
23. Illinois	4-1	179
24. Pitt	5-0	170
25. SMU	5-1	123

*Others receiving votes: USC 102, Nebraska 68, Army 36, Navy 26, Colorado 16, Kentucky 12, Arizona 12, UNLV 11, Texas Tech 8, Virginia 7, Washington 5, Liberty 5, Vanderbilt 4, Rutgers 3, Arkansas 3, Tulane 2, Louisville 2, Iowa 2, Syracuse 1, Arizona State 1.*

### 2024 Opponents in bold

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

# OCT. 12

**RECORD:** 13-4

**STREAK:** W, 2

Season	Site	Result
1963	Home	Army 10, No. 9 Penn State 7
1968	Away	No. 3 Penn State 21, UCLA 6
1974	Home	No. 15 Penn State 55, Wake Forest 0
1985	Home	No. 8 Penn State 19, No. 10 Alabama 17
1991	Away	No. 2 Miami 26, No. 9 Penn State 20
1996	Home	No. 10 Penn State 31, Purdue 14
2002	Away	No. 13 Michigan 27, No. 15 Penn State 24 (OT)
2013	Home	Penn State 43, No. 18 Michigan 40 (4 OT)
2019	Away	No. 10 Penn State 17, No. 17 Iowa 12

OPPONENT TRACKER

<p><b>West Virginia (AUG. 31)</b> Overall: 3-2 Big 12: 2-0 This Week: host 11/13 Iowa State (5-0) Last Week: W, 38-14, at RV/RV Oklahoma State (3-3) WVUSports.com</p>	<p><b>BOWLING GREEN (SEPT. 7)</b> Overall: 2-3 MAC: 1-0 This Week: host Northern Illinois (3-2) Last Week: W, 27-20, at Akron (1-4) BGSUFalcons.com</p>	<p><b>KENT STATE (SEPT. 21)</b> Overall: 0-5 MAC: 0-1 This Week: host Ball State (1-4) Last Week: Idle KentStateSports.com</p>
<p><b>23/23 ILLINOIS (SEPT. 28)</b> Overall: 4-1 Big Ten: 1-1 This Week: host Purdue (1-4) Last Week: Idle FightingIllini.com</p>	<p><b>UCLA (OCT. 5)</b> Overall: 1-4 Big Ten: 0-3 This Week: host Minnesota (3-3) Last Week: L, 11-27, at 7/7 Penn State (5-0) UCLABruins.com</p>	<p><b>RV/RV USC (OCT. 12)</b> Overall: 3-2 Big Ten: 1-2 This Week: host 4/5 Penn State (5-0) Last Week: L, 17-24, at Minnesota (3-3) USCTrojans.com</p>
<p><b>Wisconsin (OCT. 26)</b> Overall: 3-2 Big Ten: 1-1 This Week: at -/RV Rutgers (4-1) Last Week: W, 52-6, vs. Purdue (1-4) UWBadgers.com</p>	<p><b>2/2 OHIO STATE (NOV. 2)</b> Overall: 5-0 Big Ten: 2-0 This Week: at 3/3 Oregon (5-0) Last Week: W, 35-7, vs. RV/RV Iowa (3-2) OhioStateBuckeyes.com</p>	<p><b>RV/RV WASHINGTON (NOV. 9)</b> Overall: 4-2 Big Ten: 2-1 This Week: at RV/RV Iowa (3-2) Last Week: W, 27-17, vs. 10/10 Michigan (4-2) GoHuskies.com</p>
<p><b>Purdue (NOV. 16)</b> Overall: 1-4 Big Ten: 0-2 This Week: at 23/23 Illinois (4-1) Last Week: L, 6-52, at Wisconsin (3-2) PurdueSports.com</p>	<p><b>Minnesota (NOV. 23)</b> Overall: 3-3 Big Ten: 1-2 This Week: at UCLA (1-4) Last Week: W, 24-17, vs. 11/15 USC (3-2) GopherSports.com</p>	<p><b>MARYLAND (NOV. 30)</b> Overall: 3-2 Big Ten: 0-2 This Week: host Northwestern (2-3) Last Week: Idle UMTerps.com</p>

Rankings: AP/Coaches

BIG STANDINGS

	BIG TEN			OVERALL			
	W-L	%		W-L	%	AP	USA
Indiana	3-0	1.000		6-0	1.000	0-0	0-0
<b>PENN STATE</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>1.000</b>		<b>5-0</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>1-0</b>
Ohio State	2-0	1.000		5-0	1.000	0-0	0-0
Oregon	2-0	1.000		5-0	1.000	0-0	0-0
Nebraska	2-1	.667		5-1	.833	0-1	0-0
Michigan	2-1	.667		4-2	.667	1-1	1-1
Washington	2-1	.667		4-2	.667	1-0	1-0
Illinois	1-1	.500		4-1	.800	2-1	2-1
Rutgers	1-1	.500		4-1	.800	0-0	0-0
Iowa	1-1	.500		3-2	.600	0-1	0-1
Wisconsin	1-1	.500		3-2	.600	0-2	0-2
USC	1-2	.333		3-2	.600	1-1	0-1
Michigan State	1-2	.333		3-3	.500	0-2	0-2
Minnesota	1-2	.333		3-3	.500	1-1	1-1
Maryland	0-2	.000		3-2	.600	0-0	0-0
Northwestern	0-2	.000		2-3	.400	0-1	0-1
Purdue	0-2	.000		1-4	.200	0-1	0-1
UCLA	0-3	.000		1-4	.200	0-3	0-3

BIG TEN SCHEDULE (All Times Eastern)

**Friday, October 11**  
Northwestern at Maryland\*, 8 p.m. (FOX)

**Saturday, October 12**  
Wisconsin at -/RV Rutgers\*, noon (FOX/BTN)  
RV/RV Washington at RV/RV Iowa\*, noon (FOX/BTN)  
**4/5 Penn State at RV/RV USC, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)**  
Purdue at 23/23 Illinois\*, 3:30 p.m. (FS1)  
2/2 Ohio State at 3/3 Oregon\*, 7:30 p.m. (NBC)  
Minnesota at UCLA\*, 9 p.m. (BTN)  
Idle: 18/20 Indiana, 24/21 Michigan, Michigan State, RV/RV Nebraska

\* - Big Ten Game

PENN STATE MEDIA CENTRAL

Notes, Flip Cards, Press Conference Video/Audio, etc. can be found by going to [gopsusports.com/fbmedia](https://gopsusports.com/fbmedia).

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BIG TEN MEDIA SERVICES

**BIG TEN CONFERENCE RELEASE/STATISTICS:** The Big Ten Conference football release, with standings and statistics, is available at [www.bigten.org](http://www.bigten.org).

**BIG TEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK:** The Big Ten Conference will be announcing Players of the Week every Monday during the season.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY:**

9 a.m. - Updated stats available at [GoPSUsports.com](https://GoPSUsports.com).

**MONDAY:**

noon - Penn State Weekly Press Conference  
James Franklin available for questions in-person w/zoom.  
5 p.m. - Game Notes available at [GoPSUsports.com](https://GoPSUsports.com).

**TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY:**

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Player Interviews  
Selected players available for interviews via Zoom. For information, please contact Greg Kincaid or Paul Marboe in PSU Strategic Communications.

**WEDNESDAY:**

Times TBA - Practice Availability  
Media can watch select periods of practice. James Franklin and select players will be available post-practice.

**THURSDAY:**

11:45 a.m. - Assistant Coach Availability via Zoom.

6:05 p.m. - "The Penn State Coaches Show Featuring James Franklin Presented by Pepsi" at The Field and broadcast live on the Penn State Sports Network and LionVision on [GoPSUsports.com](https://GoPSUsports.com).

**SATURDAY:**

Postgame: James Franklin and selected players will be available immediately following the game.  
Video/audio of Franklin's press conference, after home games, will be available via Penn State Football Media Central.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p><b>James Franklin Press Conference</b> noon</p> <p><b>Game Notes</b> Available by 5 p.m. on <a href="https://GoPSUsports.com">GoPSUsports.com</a></p>	<p><b>Player Zoom Conferences</b></p> <p><b>The Penn State Coaches Show Presented by Pepsi</b> 6:05 p.m. <a href="https://GoPSUsports.com">GoPSUsports.com</a> Penn State Sports Network</p>	<p><b>Practice Availability &amp; James Franklin &amp; Players Post Practice</b></p> <p><b>Player Zoom Conferences</b></p>	<p><b>No Coach/Player Availability</b></p>	<p><b>No Coach/Player Availability</b></p>	<p><b>at USC</b> 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>CBS/ Penn State Sports Network</p> <p>L.A. Memorial Coliseum</p>	<p><b>Updated Statistics Available</b> 9 a.m. <a href="https://GoPSUsports.com">GoPSUsports.com</a></p>



## FRANKLIN FILE

**Born:** February 2, 1972  
**Hometown:** Langhorne, Pa.  
**Wife:** Fumi  
**Daughters:** Shola & Addison

**Education:**  
 Neshaminy High School, 1990  
 East Stroudsburg, 1995; B.S. in Psychology  
 Washington State, 1999; M.A. in Educational Leadership

**Playing Career:**  
 East Stroudsburg; Quarterback, 1991-94

### Coaching Experience

Year	Position	Team
2014-pres.	Head Coach	Penn State
2011-13	Head Coach	Vanderbilt
2008-10	Asst HC/Off. Coord./QBs	Maryland
2006-07	Off. Coord./QBs	Kansas State
2005	Wide Receivers	Green Bay Packers
2000-04	Recruiting Coord./WRs	Maryland
1999	Wide Receivers	Idaho State
1998	Grad. Asst./Tight Ends	Washington State
1997	Wide Receivers	James Madison
1996	Grad. Asst./Secondary	East Stroudsburg
1995	Wide Receivers	Kutztown

## CAREER RECORD

### VANDERBILT

Year	Overall	Conf.	Final AP; Notes
2011	6-7	2-6	Liberty Bowl (L)
2012	9-4	4-4	No. 23; Music City Bowl (W)
2013	9-4	5-3	No. 20; BBVA Compass Bowl (W)
<b>3 yrs</b>	<b>24-15</b>	<b>11-13</b>	

### PENN STATE

Year	Overall	Conf.	Final AP; Notes
2014	7-6	2-6	Pinstripe Bowl (W, OT)
2015	7-6	4-4	TaxSlayer Bowl (L)
2016	11-3	8-1	No. 7; Big Ten Champs, Rose Bowl (L)
2017	11-2	7-2	No. 8; Fiesta Bowl (W)
2018	9-4	6-3	No. 17; Citrus Bowl (L)
2019	11-2	7-2	No. 9; Cotton Bowl (W)
2020	4-5	4-5	
2021	7-6	4-5	Outback Bowl (L)
2022	11-2	7-2	No. 7; Rose Bowl (W)
2023	10-3	7-2	No. 13; Peach Bowl (L)
2024	5-0	2-0	
<b>10 yrs</b>	<b>93-39</b>	<b>58-32</b>	

### CAREER

	Overall	Conf.	Bowls
<b>13 yrs</b>	<b>117-54</b>	<b>69-45</b>	<b>Won 6, Lost 6</b>

## HEAD COACH JAMES FRANKLIN

### CAREER AT A GLANCE

- Franklin was named the 16th head football coach in the storied history of the Nittany Lion program on January 11, 2014.
- He is one of three current FBS head coaches (Dabo Swinney, Clemson; Gus Malzahn, UCF) to lead his teams to a bowl game in each of his first nine seasons as a head coach and one of four (Swinney; Malzahn; Mike Gundy, Oklahoma State) to do so in 12 of their first 13 seasons.
- Franklin is one of three current Big Ten coaches (Ryan Day, Kirk Ferentz) to have won a Big Ten Championship and became the first African American head coach to win a Big Ten title after Penn State's 2016 victory.
- He joins Mack Brown (UNC), Kirby Smart (Georgia) and Dabo Swinney (Clemson) as the only active coaches in college football to have won at least three New Year's Six or College Football Playoff games in their career.
- Franklin has led his teams to four Top 10 finishes (4 at Penn State) and eight Top 25 finishes (2 at Vanderbilt; 6 at Penn State).
- In the last eight seasons under Franklin, Penn State is one of six teams to rank in the top 12 of the CFP final rankings at least six times, joining Alabama, Clemson, Georgia, Ohio State and Oklahoma.
- From 2016-19, Franklin led the Nittany Lions to three New Year's Six bowls - 2016 (Rose), 2017 (Fiesta) and 2019 (Cotton), making Penn State one of eight teams to accomplish the feat during the four-year span. Penn State last went to three New Year's Six bowls in four years in 1980-83 (1980 Fiesta, 1982 Fiesta, 1983 Sugar).
- Franklin guided Penn State to back-to-back New Year's Six bowls in 2016 (Rose) and 2017 (Fiesta) for the first time since 1985 (Orange) and 1986 (Fiesta).
- From 2016-19, Franklin led Penn State to 42 wins, the most in program history for the Big Ten era, and 28 league wins, a program record.
- Franklin has 29 years of coaching experience at the collegiate and NFL level.
- In his first 13 years as a head coach, Franklin mentored 107 players who have gone on to the NFL ranks.
- Franklin is first all-time in total wins and winning percentage by an FBS African American head coach (minimum 80 wins).

### NITTANY LIONS ON THE FIELD

- In **2023**, Penn State posted a 10-win season for the second-straight year and reached the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl after finishing 10th in the College Football Playoff Rankings. PSU put together one of its top defensive performances in school history, leading the country in sacks (49) and rushing defense (75.5), while finishing second in total defense (246.7), tackles for loss (111) and fewest first downs allowed (13.9) and third in scoring defense (13.5). The 49 sacks were a school record.
- Penn State defeated No. 8/7/10 Utah, 35-21, in the 109th Rose Bowl Game to cap off the **2022** season. The Nittany Lions reached the 11-win plateau for the 19th time in program history.
- Penn State earned a New Year's Day bowl berth against Arkansas in the Outback Bowl in **2021**. With wins over No. 12/15 Wisconsin and No. 22/20 Auburn, Penn State tallied two wins over ranked teams within the first three games of the season for the first time in program history.
- In **2020**, with the emergence of young skill players on offense, true freshmen accounted for 1,486 of Penn State's 3,873 total yards (38 percent), marking a school record for most combined scrimmage yards by true freshmen in a single season.
- Penn State earned its third 11-win season in four years with an 11-2 record in **2019**, including a win over No. 17 Memphis in the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic. The Nittany Lions posted their fourth-straight top 12 finish in the final CFP rankings, coming in 10th, and were ranked ninth in the final Associated Press and Amway Coaches polls to earn their 25th AP Top 10 finish. Franklin was a finalist for the Paul "Bear" Bryant National Coach of the Year award for the second time at Penn State (2016) and third time in his head coaching career.
- In **2018**, the Nittany Lions posted their third-straight season with at least nine wins with a 9-4 overall record, earning a berth in the VRBO Citrus Bowl. Penn State finished No. 12 in the final CFP rankings and No. 17 in the Associated Press and Amway Coaches polls.
- Penn State climbed as high as No. 2 in the rankings in **2017** and appeared in a second-straight New Year's Six bowl, earning a 35-28 win over No. 11 Washington in the PlayStation Fiesta Bowl. At 11-2, the Nittany Lions earned back-to-back 11-win seasons for the fifth time in program history and first time since 2008 and 2009. Penn State finished the season No. 8 in the Associated Press and Amway Coaches polls and No. 9 in the final CFP rankings.
- Penn State surged in **2016**, winning nine consecutive games en route to the Big Ten Championship, a Rose Bowl berth and an 11-3 overall record. Penn State finished the season ranked No. 5 in the College Football Playoff rankings and No. 7 in the Associated Press and Amway Coaches polls. It was Penn State's highest finish in the polls since 2005. The Lions claimed their fourth overall Big Ten Championship and first outright title since 1994 with a thrilling, 38-31 comeback win over Wisconsin in the Big Ten Championship Game. Franklin was honored as Sporting News National Coach of the Year and the Woody Hayes National Coach of the Year, as well as the Dave McLain Big Ten Coach of the Year and Associated Press Big Ten Coach of the Year.
- Franklin guided the Nittany Lions to a 7-6 record in **2015** and a berth in the TaxSlayer Bowl.
- Franklin's first season in **2014** was bookended with a pair of thrilling victories for the Nittany Lions. It began with a final-play 26-24 victory over UCF in Dublin, Ireland, in Penn State's first-ever international game and ended with a comeback, a 31-30 overtime win over Boston College in the New Era PinStripe Bowl in Yankee Stadium. Franklin became just the third Penn State coach to lead the team to at least seven wins in his first season, joining Dick Harlow (1915) and Bill O'Brien (2012), and he guided the Nittany Lions to a 4-0 start, joining Harlow as the only first-year Penn State coaches to win their initial four games.

### NITTANY LIONS IN THE CLASSROOM

- The Nittany Lions posted their first 1,000 single-year APR in program history in 2018-19, topping the previous high of 993 in 2014-15.
- Olumuyiwa Fashanu (2023), Sean Clifford (2021) and Trace McSorley (2018) were selected as a National Football Foundation (NFF) Scholar-Athletes and finalists for the Campbell Trophy, known as the "Academic Heisman." They are the 18th, 19th and 20th Nittany Lions to be selected as an NFF Scholar-Athlete.
- In 2019, punter Blake Gillikin took home CoSIDA Academic All-America® first-team honors for the second-straight year to become the 12th two-time first-team selection in Penn State history. He graduated with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average in May.
- Gillikin's two first-team CoSIDA Academic All-America honors increase Penn State football's total to 67 honorees, which ranks second in Division I football history (FBS and FCS).
- Tyler Yazujian collected a berth on the CoSIDA Academic All-America® first team in 2016 after an appearance on the second team in 2015.
- A program-record 10 Nittany Lions were named 2020-21 Big Ten Distinguished Scholars, besting the previous mark of nine set a year earlier.

### NITTANY LIONS IN THE COMMUNITY

- The Nittany Lions are active in the community, participating in activities such as Uplifting Athletes, THON, Pennsylvania Special Olympics Summer Games, State College Area Food Bank and Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital visits.
- In 2023 and 2024, Penn State Football partnered with Soles4Souls, whose mission is to turn unwanted shoes and clothing into opportunities, keeping them from going to waste and providing reliefs, creating jobs and empowering people to break the cycle of poverty.
- On June 15, 2020, Franklin was named to the Big Ten Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism Coalition.
- As part of the Cotton Bowl festivities in 2019, Franklin and his family made a \$10,000 financial commitment to the Dallas Children's Hospital.

**BOWL GAMES AS A COACH**

**As a Head Coach:**

2023 Peach Bowl	PSU	L	38-25
2023 Rose Bowl	PSU	W	35-21
2022 Outback Bowl	PSU	L	24-10
2019 Cotton Bowl	PSU	W	53-39
2019 Citrus Bowl	PSU	L	27-24
2017 Fiesta Bowl	PSU	W	35-28
2017 Rose Bowl	PSU	L	52-49
2016 TaxSlayer Bowl	PSU	L	24-17
2014 Pinstripe Bowl	PSU	W	31-30 (OT)
2014 BBVA Compass Bowl	VU	W	41-24
2012 Music City Bowl	VU	W	38-24
2011 Liberty Bowl	VU	L	31-24

**As an Assistant Coach:**

2010 Military Bowl	UMD	W	51-20
2008 Humanitarian Bowl	UMD	W	42-35
2006 Texas Bowl	KSU	L	37-10
2004 Gator Bowl	UMD	W	41-7
2002 Orange Bowl	UMD	L	56-23
2002 Peach Bowl	UMD	W	30-3

**COACHING HONORS**

2019	Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Finalist
2016	Sporting News National Coach of the Year
	Woody Hayes National Coach of the Year
	Maxwell Club Tri-State Coach of the Year
	College Sports Madness National Coach of the Year
	Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Finalist
	Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Finalist
	Associated Press Coach of the Year Finalist
	George Munger College Coach of the Year Semifinalist
	Big Ten Dave McClain Coach of the Year (media vote)
	Associated Press Big Ten Coach of the Year
	Athlon Sports Big Ten Coach of the Year
	ECAC Division I FBS Coach of the Year
	The Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week. (Oct. 24)
2012	Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Finalist

**ALL-AMERICANS AS A HEAD COACH**

2023	Olumuyiwa Fashanu	1st Team (Consensus)
	Chop Robinson	3rd Team
2022	Olumuyiwa Fashanu	2nd Team
	Kalen King	2nd Team
	Joey Porter Jr.	2nd Team
2021	Jaquan Brisker	2nd Team
	Arnold Ebiketie	2nd Team
	Jordan Stout	2nd Team
	Jahan Dotson	3rd Team
2019	Micah Parsons	1st Team (Consensus)
	Pat Freiermuth	2nd Team
2017	Saquon Barkley	1st Team (Consensus)
	Mike Gesicki	2nd Team
2016	Saquon Barkley	3rd Team
2015	Carl Nassib	1st Team (Consensus)
2014	Mike Hull	2nd Team
2013	Jordan Matthews	1st Team
2012	Jordan Matthews	3rd Team
2011	Casey Hayward	2nd Team

**AWARD WINNERS AS A HEAD COACH**

2023	Olumuyiwa Fashanu	Rimington-Pace Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year
		National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete
2022	Nicholas Singleton	Thompson-Randle El Big Ten Freshman of the Year
	Chris Stoll	Patrick Mannelly Award Winner
2021	Jordan Stout	Eddleman-Fields Big Ten Punter of the Year
	Sean Clifford	National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete
		Allstate AFCA Good Works Team
2020	Pat Freiermuth	Kwalick-Clark Big Ten Tight End of the Year
2019	Micah Parsons	Butkus-Fitzgerald Big Ten Linebacker of the Year
2018	Trace McSorley	National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete
2017	Saquon Barkley	Paul Hornung Award Winner
		Graham-George Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year
		Ameche-Dayne Big Ten Running Back of the Year
		Rodgers-Dwight Big Ten Return Specialist of the Year
		Chicago Tribune Silver Football Award
	Brandon Smith	Allstate AFCA Good Works Team
2016	Saquon Barkley	Graham-George Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year
		Ameche-Dayne Big Ten Running Back of the Year
		Chicago Tribune Silver Football Award
	Tyler Davis	Vlade Award
2015	Carl Nassib	Rotary Lombardi Award
		Ted Hendricks Award
		Lott IMPACT Award
		CBS Sports National Defensive Player of the Year
		Nagurski-Woodson Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year
	Ben Kline	Allstate AFCA Good Works Teams
2014	Mike Hull	Butkus-Fitzgerald Big Ten Linebacker of the Year

**FRANKLIN RECORDS VS. OPPONENTS**

Akron	2 0	Idaho	1 0	Purdue	3 0
Alabama	0 1	Illinois	5 2	Rutgers	10 0
Appalachian State	1 0	Indiana	9 1	San Diego State	1 0
Arkansas	0 2	Iowa	5 2	South Carolina	0 3
Army	2 0	Kent State	3 0	Temple	2 1
Auburn	3 0	Kentucky	3 1	Tennessee	2 1
Austin Peay	1 0	Maryland	8 2	Texas A&M	0 1
Ball State	1 0	Memphis	1 0	UAB	1 0
Boston College	1 0	Michigan	3 7	UCF	1 0
Bowling Green	1 0	Michigan State	5 5	UCLA	1 0
Buffalo	2 0	Minnesota	2 1	UMass	4 0
Central Michigan	1 0	Mississippi	2 2	USC	0 1
Cincinnati	0 1	Missouri	1 1	Villanova	1 0
Connecticut	1 0	NC State	1 0	Wake Forest	3 0
Delaware	1 0	Nebraska	1 1	Washington	1 0
Elon	1 0	Northwestern	3 3	West Virginia	2 0
Florida	1 2	Ohio	1 0	Wisconsin	3 0
Georgia	1 3	Ohio State	1 9	<b>Total</b>	<b>117 54</b>
Georgia State	1 0	Pittsburgh	3 1		
Houston	1 0	Presbyterian	1 0		





STATISTICAL HIGHS & LOWS UNDER JAMES FRANKLIN

**PENN STATE**

**Total Offense Highs**

718 ..... Kent State, 2024  
 673 ..... Idaho, 2019  
 643 ..... Kent State, 2018  
 619 ..... at Maryland, 2019  
 609 ..... Nebraska, 2017  
 599 ..... Iowa, 2016  
 591 ..... at Illinois, 2018  
 586 ..... at Michigan State, 2023  
 580 ..... Illinois, 2020  
 579 ..... at Indiana, 2020  
 52 ..... at Nebraska, 2020

**Total Offense Lows**

180 ..... at Temple, 2015  
 186 ..... at Michigan, 2018  
 191 ..... at Michigan, 2016  
 207 ..... Michigan, 2015  
 214 ..... at Michigan, 2014  
 219 ..... Maryland, 2014  
 227 ..... at Ohio State, 2019  
 227 ..... Illinois, 2021  
 233 ..... Michigan State, 2014  
 238 ..... Michigan, 2023

**First Down Highs**

40 ..... Kent State, 2024  
 35 ..... Idaho, 2019  
 34 ..... Delaware, 2023  
 32 ..... Nebraska, 2017  
 32 ..... Ball State, 2021  
 31 ..... at Illinois, 2019  
 30 ..... at Maryland, 2018  
 30 ..... Maryland, 2020  
 30 ..... at Nebraska, 2020  
 29 ..... at Iowa, 2017

**First Down Lows**

9 ..... at Temple, 2015  
 10 ..... at Michigan, 2022  
 11 ..... at Michigan, 2021  
 11 ..... at Wisconsin, 2018  
 12 ..... Army, 2015  
 12 ..... at Michigan, 2016  
 13 ..... Ohio State, 2016  
 14 ..... Northwestern, 2014  
 14 ..... at Ohio State, 2015  
 14 ..... Michigan, 2015  
 14 ..... Pittsburgh, 2017  
 14 ..... Michigan State, 2018  
 14 ..... Buffalo, 2019  
 14 ..... Michigan, 2019  
 14 ..... Illinois, 2021

**Rushing Yardage Highs**

396 ..... vs. Memphis, 2019  
 387 ..... at Illinois, 2018  
 372 ..... Maryland, 2016  
 359 ..... Iowa, 2016  
 340 ..... at Rutgers, 2016  
 331 ..... Idaho, 2019  
 330 ..... Rutgers, 2015  
 315 ..... Delaware, 2023  
 310 ..... Maryland, 2018  
 309 ..... Kent State, 2024

**Rushing Yardage Lows**

16 ..... Ohio State, 2014  
 33 ..... at Ohio State, 2021  
 38 ..... Michigan State, 2014  
 39 ..... Indiana, 2017  
 42 ..... Maryland, 2014  
 44 ..... Ohio State, 2020  
 48 ..... at Maryland, 2015  
 49 ..... at Ohio State, 2023  
 50 ..... Northwestern, 2014  
 50 ..... at Wisconsin, 2021

**Rushing Attempts Highs**

62 ..... Maryland, 2016  
 60 ..... Delaware, 2023  
 58 ..... Northwestern, 2022  
 57 ..... at Rutgers, 2020  
 57 ..... Iowa, 2023  
 53 ..... Iowa, 2019  
 53 ..... vs. Memphis, 2019  
 53 ..... Illinois, 2020  
 52 ..... Iowa, 2016  
 52 ..... at Indiana, 2020  
 52 ..... at Nebraska, 2020

**Rushing Attempts Lows**

18 ..... at Wisconsin, 2021  
 22 ..... Michigan State, 2014  
 22 ..... Michigan, 2015  
 22 ..... at Michigan, 2022  
 24 ..... Pittsburgh, 2017  
 24 ..... Georgia State, 2017  
 24 ..... Buffalo, 2019  
 25 ..... Northwestern, 2014  
 26 ..... Michigan State, 2021  
 26 ..... at Ohio State, 2023

**Passing Yardage Highs**

454 ..... vs. UCF, 2014  
 429 ..... Villanova, 2021  
 409 ..... Kent State, 2024  
 421 ..... at Maryland, 2019  
 401 ..... at Michigan State, 2017  
 394 ..... at Ohio State, 2021  
 386 ..... Michigan State, 2016  
 384 ..... vs. Wisconsin, 2016  
 371 ..... vs. Boston College, 2014  
 371 ..... Ohio State, 2022

**Passing Yardage Lows**

74 ..... Michigan, 2023  
 81 ..... Rutgers, 2019  
 88 ..... Rutgers, 2023  
 93 ..... at Illinois, 2014  
 103 ..... at Temple, 2015  
 112 ..... Temple, 2014  
 118 ..... at Michigan, 2018  
 120 ..... at Ohio State, 2015  
 121 ..... at Michigan, 2016  
 128 ..... Buffalo, 2015  
 128 ..... at Ohio State, 2019

**Passing Attempt Highs**

57 ..... Maryland, 2020  
 52 ..... at Ohio State, 2021  
 50 ..... Ohio State, 2014  
 50 ..... vs. Boston College, 2014  
 48 ..... at Iowa, 2017  
 48 ..... at Michigan State, 2017  
 47 ..... vs. UCF, 2014  
 47 ..... at Michigan State, 2015  
 47 ..... at Maryland, 2021  
 47 ..... Ohio State, 2022

**Passing Attempt Lows**

13 ..... at Ohio State, 2015  
 14 ..... Rutgers, 2023  
 15 ..... Rutgers, 2019  
 16 ..... at Illinois, 2014  
 17 ..... at Michigan, 2018  
 18 ..... Iowa, 2016  
**18 .... at West Virginia, 2024**  
 19 ..... Rutgers, 2015  
 19 ..... Army, 2015  
 19 ..... Maryland, 2016

**Passing Completion Highs**

35 ..... at Ohio State, 2021  
 34 ..... vs. Boston College, 2014  
 32 ..... vs. UCF, 2014  
 32 ..... vs. Washington, 2014  
 32 ..... Ohio State, 2022  
 31 ..... Ohio State, 2014  
 31 ..... at Iowa, 2017  
 31 ..... Ohio, 2022  
 29 ..... at Northwestern, 2017  
 29 ..... at Maryland, 2019  
 29 ..... Auburn, 2021

**Passing Completion Lows**

7 ..... at Ohio State, 2015  
 7 ..... Rutgers, 2023  
 8 ..... at Illinois, 2014  
 8 ..... Ohio State, 2016  
 8 ..... at Michigan, 2018  
 8 ..... Rutgers, 2019  
 10 ..... Rutgers, 2015  
 10 ..... Army, 2015  
 10 ..... Maryland, 2016  
 10 ..... Northwestern, 2022

**Scoring Highs**

79 ..... Idaho, 2019  
 66 ..... at Maryland, 2017  
 66 ..... Kent State, 2018  
 63 ..... at Illinois, 2018  
 63 ..... Delaware, 2023  
 63 ..... UMass, 2023  
 62 ..... Purdue, 2016  
 59 ..... at Maryland, 2019  
 56 ..... Georgia State, 2017  
 56 ..... Nebraska, 2017  
 56 ..... Illinois, 2020  
**56 ..... Kent State, 2024**

**Scoring Lows**

6 ..... Northwestern, 2014  
 7 ..... at Michigan, 2018  
 10 ..... Michigan State, 2014  
 10 ..... at Temple, 2015  
 10 ..... at Ohio State, 2015  
 10 ..... at Michigan, 2016  
 10 ..... vs. Arkansas, 2021  
 12 ..... at Ohio State, 2023  
 13 ..... at Rutgers, 2014  
 13 ..... at Michigan, 2014  
 13 ..... at Indiana, 2014

**Total Offense Highs**

575 ..... vs. USC, 2016  
 563 ..... at Michigan, 2022  
 554 ..... at Indiana, 2018  
 542 ..... vs. Memphis, 2019  
 540 ..... vs. Ole Miss, 2023  
 529 ..... at Ohio State, 2017  
 526 ..... Ohio State, 2020  
 515 ..... at Michigan, 2016  
 474 ..... at Michigan State, 2017  
 469 ..... Minnesota, 2016

**Total Offense Lows**

53 ..... at Michigan State, 2023  
**66 ..... Kent State, 2024**  
 76 ..... Iowa, 2023  
 87 ..... at Rutgers, 2016  
 104 ..... Purdue, 2019  
 109 ..... UMass, 2023  
 128 ..... at Maryland, 2019  
 134 ..... Maryland, 2022  
 140 ..... Delaware, 2023  
 145 ..... Idaho, 2019

**First Down Highs**

33 ..... vs. USC, 2016  
 32 ..... at Indiana, 2018  
 31 ..... Minnesota, 2016  
 30 ..... vs. Ole Miss, 2023  
 29 ..... at Wisconsin, 2021  
 29 ..... at Maryland, 2021  
 28 ..... at Michigan, 2022  
 27 ..... at Ohio State, 2017  
 27 ..... at Ohio State, 2019  
 27 ..... vs. Memphis, 2019

**First Down Lows**

4 ..... Iowa, 2023  
 5 ..... at Rutgers, 2016  
 5 ..... Idaho, 2019  
 5 ..... Delaware, 2023  
 5 ..... at Michigan State, 2023  
**6 ..... Kent State, 2024**  
 8 ..... Temple, 2014  
 8 ..... Purdue, 2019  
 9 ..... at Rutgers, 2022  
 9 ..... UMass, 2023

**Rushing Yardage Highs**

418 ..... at Michigan, 2022  
 357 ..... Illinois, 2021  
 353 ..... vs. Arkansas, 2021  
 341 ..... at Pitt, 2016  
 326 ..... at Michigan, 2016  
 315 ..... at Ohio State, 2015  
 285 ..... vs. Boston College, 2014  
 261 ..... Army, 2015  
 259 ..... at Michigan, 2018  
 245 ..... at Pittsburgh, 2018  
 245 ..... at Illinois, 2018

**Rushing Yardage Lows**

-49 ..... at Maryland, 2023  
 -35 ..... at Michigan State, 2023  
 -19 ..... Purdue, 2019  
 3 ..... UMass, 2014  
 4 ..... Idaho, 2019  
 20 ..... Iowa, 2023  
 24 ..... vs. UCF, 2014  
 24 ..... Pittsburgh, 2019  
 25 ..... Michigan State, 2022  
 30 ..... Iowa, 2016

**OPPONENTS**

**Rushing Attempts Highs**

67 ..... Illinois, 2021  
 61 ..... at Ohio State, 2019  
 58 ..... Buffalo, 2019  
 58 ..... at Wisconsin, 2021  
 58 ..... vs. Arkansas, 2021  
 57 ..... Ohio State, 2014  
 56 ..... at Pitt, 2016  
 55 ..... Army, 2015  
 55 ..... at Rutgers, 2018  
 55 ..... at Michigan, 2022

**Rushing Attempts Lows**

16 ..... at Maryland, 2023  
 17 ..... Iowa, 2023  
 20 ..... Temple, 2014  
 22 ..... at Purdue, 2022  
 23 ..... at Iowa, 2017  
 23 ..... Central Michigan, 2021  
 24 ..... Indiana, 2022  
 24 ..... Delaware, 2023  
 25 ..... Akron, 2014  
 25 ..... at Maryland, 2017  
 25 ..... Pittsburgh, 2019  
 25 ..... Michigan State, 2022

**Passing Yardage Highs**

479 ..... vs. Memphis, 2019  
 453 ..... vs. USC, 2016  
 400 ..... at Michigan State, 2017  
 399 ..... Nebraska, 2017  
 394 ..... vs. Ole Miss, 2023  
 372 ..... Pittsburgh, 2019  
 371 ..... Indiana, 2019  
 371 ..... at Maryland, 2021  
 365 ..... at Purdue, 2022  
 354 ..... Ohio State, 2022

**Passing Yardage Lows**

**18 ..... Kent State, 2024**  
 32 ..... Army, 2015  
 38 ..... Illinois, 2021  
 43 ..... Rutgers, 2017  
 45 ..... UMass, 2023  
 46 ..... at Rutgers, 2018  
 48 ..... at Rutgers, 2016  
 55 ..... at Pittsburgh, 2018  
 56 ..... Iowa, 2023  
 58 ..... Delaware, 2023

**Passing Attempt Highs**

60 ..... at Purdue, 2022  
 58 ..... at Maryland, 2021  
 56 ..... at Michigan State, 2017  
 55 ..... Purdue, 2016  
 55 ..... at Indiana, 2018  
 54 ..... vs. USC, 2016  
 53 ..... Michigan State, 2018  
 53 ..... vs. Memphis, 2019  
 52 ..... Central Michigan, 2022  
 51 ..... Pittsburgh, 2019

**Passing Attempt Lows**

1 ..... Army, 2015  
 8 ..... Michigan, 2023  
**13 ..... Kent State, 2024**  
 15 ..... at Pitt, 2016  
 15 ..... vs. Kentucky, 2018  
 16 ..... Maryland, 2016  
 16 ..... at Rutgers, 2018  
 16 ..... Iowa, 2023  
 16 ..... Rutgers, 2023  
 17 ..... at Rutgers, 2016  
 17 ..... at Michigan, 2018  
 17 ..... Delaware, 2023

**Passing Completion Highs**

41 ..... at Maryland, 2021  
 36 ..... Purdue, 2016  
 35 ..... at Indiana, 2018  
 35 ..... Pittsburgh, 2019  
 33 ..... vs. USC, 2016  
 33 ..... at Ohio State, 2017  
 33 ..... at Michigan State, 2017  
 33 ..... vs. Memphis, 2019  
 31 ..... Indiana, 2019  
 31 ..... at Maryland, 2023

**Passing Completion Lows**

1 ..... Army, 2015  
**2 ..... Kent State, 2024**  
 5 ..... at Rutgers, 2018  
 6 ..... Delaware, 2023  
 6 ..... Iowa, 2023  
 7 ..... at Rutgers, 2016  
 7 ..... Rutgers, 2017  
 7 ..... Michigan, 2023  
 8 ..... Illinois, 2020  
 8 ..... Illinois, 2021

**Scoring Highs**

55 ..... at Michigan State, 2015  
 52 ..... vs. USC, 2016  
 49 ..... at Michigan, 2016  
 44 ..... Nebraska, 2017  
 44 ..... Ohio State, 2022  
 42 ..... at Pitt, 2016  
 42 ..... at Michigan, 2018  
 41 ..... Iowa, 2020  
 41 ..... at Michigan, 2022  
 39 ..... at Ohio State, 2017  
 39 ..... vs. Memphis, 2019

**Scoring Lows**

0 ..... Illinois, 2015  
 0 ..... at Rutgers, 2016  
 0 ..... Akron, 2017  
 0 ..... Georgia State, 2017  
 0 ..... at Maryland, 2019  
 0 ..... Indiana, 2021  
 0 ..... Rutgers, 2021  
 0 ..... Maryland, 2022  
 0 ..... Iowa, 2023  
 0 ..... UMass, 2023  
 0 ..... at Michigan State, 2023  
**0 ..... Kent State, 2024**

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## SERIES NOTES

### HEAD COACH LINCOLN RILEY

- Lincoln Riley is in his third season at USC and owns a 22-10 record as head coach of the Trojans.
- He led USC to 11 wins and a Cotton Bowl appearance in 2022 and eight wins and a Holiday Bowl appearance in 2023.
- He is the only head coach to coach three Heisman winning quarterbacks and the only head coach to have three quarterbacks selected No. 1 overall in the NFL Draft.
- Before taking over as head coach at USC, Riley served as head coach at Oklahoma from 2017-21, leading the Sooners to a 55-10 record, four New Year's Six bowl appearances and four double-digit win seasons.
- After starting his coaching career at Texas Tech, his alma mater, from 2003-09, Riley was offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach at ECU from 2010-14 and offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach at Oklahoma in 2015-16.

### SCOUTING THE TROJANS

- USC is 3-2 this season and 1-2 in Big Ten play.
- The Trojans opened the season with a 27-20 win over No. 13/12 LSU and added wins against Utah State (48-0) and Wisconsin (38-21), but fell against No. 18/17 Michigan (27-24) and Minnesota (24-17).
- Last week against the Gophers, USC tallied 373 total yards, including 200 passing and 173 rushing.
- Miller Moss threw for 200 yards and a touchdown, finding Duce Robinson for a 3-yard score.
- Woody Marks rushed for 134 yards and a touchdown.
- USC ranks sixth in the Big Ten in scoring offense (30.8 ppg), seventh in total offense (442.4), fifth in passing offense (292.8) and 10th in rushing offense (149.6).
- Moss has completed 64.5 percent of his passes for 1,398 yards and nine touchdowns (four interceptions).
- Marks leads USC with 468 rushing yards and four touchdowns.
- On defense, the Trojans rank 11th in the conference in scoring defense (18.4), 10th in total defense (316.2), 11th in pass defense (157.6) and 17th in rushing defense (158.6).
- LB Easton Mascarenas-Arnold leads the defense with 36 tackles (19 solo), while LB Eric Gentry has 30 stops, including 6.5 tackles for loss and two sacks.

### TOP PERFORMANCES - PENN STATE

Rushing	
Curt Warner	26 for 145 yds, 2 TD ('82 Fiesta)
Mike Archie	10 for 107 yds ('93)
Ki-Jana Carter	21 for 104 yds ('93)
Ki-Jana Carter	17 for 119 yds, 1 TD ('94)
Curtis Enis	27 for 241 yds, 3 TD ('96)
Saquon Barkley	25 for 194 yds, 2 TD ('17 Rose)

Passing	
Tony Sacca	16-of-34, 243 yds, 1 TD ('90)
Tony Sacca	18-of-40, 236 yds, 1 TD ('91)
Kerry Collins	18-of-33, 248 yds, 2 TD ('94)
Daryll Clark	21-of-36, 273 yds, 2 TD ('09 Rose)
Trace McSorley	18-of-29, 254 yds, 4 TD ('17 Rose)

Receiving	
Terry Smith	10 for 165 yds, 1 TD ('91)
Freddie Scott	6 for 133 yds, 1 TD ('94)
Chris Godwin	9 for 187 yds, 2 TD ('17 Rose)

### TOP PERFORMANCES - USC

Rushing	
Roy "Bullet" Baker	29 for 123 yds, 1 TD (1923 Rose)
Sultan McCullough	29 for 128 yds ('00)

Passing	
Todd Marinovich	22-of-34, 240 yds, 1 TD ('90)
Rob Johnson	25-for-43, 291 yds, 2 TD, 1 INT ('93)
Rob Johnson	18-of-30, 221 yds ('94)
Mark Sanchez	28-of-35, 413 yds, 4 TD ('09 Rose)
Sam Darnold	33-of-53, 453 yds, 5 TD, 1 INT ('17 Rose)

Receiving	
Gary Wellman	9 for 121 yds ('90)
Johnnie Morton	6 for 109 yds ('93)
Damian Williams	10 for 162 yds, 1 TD ('09 Rose)
Deonta Burnett	13 for 164 yds, 3 TD ('17 Rose)
JuJu Smith-Schuster	7 for 133 yds, 1 TD ('17 Rose)

## SERIES RECORD

Penn State trails 6-4 in the all-time series against USC. The Nittany Lions and Trojans will meet for the first time since 2017 and the first time as Big Ten foes. Penn State is 2-0 at home against USC.

Year	Site	Result
1923	Neutral (Rose Bowl)	USC, 14-3
1982	Neutral (Fiesta Bowl)	Penn State, 26-10
1990	Away	USC, 19-14
1991	Away	USC, 21-10
1993	Home	Penn State, 21-20
1994	Home	Penn State, 38-14
1996	Neutral (Giants Stadium)	Penn State, 24-7
2000	Neutral (Giants Stadium)	USC, 29-5
2009	Neutral (Rose Bowl)	USC, 38-24
2017	Neutral (Rose Bowl)	USC, 52-49

## LAST MEETING PENN STATE FALLS TO USC IN ROSE BOWL THRILLER

No. 5 Penn State running back Saquon Barkley totaled 306 all-purpose yards and scored three touchdowns and wide receiver Chris Godwin caught nine passes for 187 yards and two touchdowns, but No. 9 USC rallied in the fourth quarter to win the 103rd annual Rose Bowl Game on a 46-yard field goal as time expired, 52-49.

With 101 combined points, it was the then-highest-scoring game in the storied history of the Rose Bowl, and both teams trailed by double-digit margins in the thriller.

Penn State trailed USC by 13, 27-14, with 6:16 remaining in the second quarter, but scored touchdowns on four consecutive offensive plays from its final play of the first half to its first three plays of the second half, building a 42-27 lead.

Tight end Mike Gesicki caught an 11-yard touchdown pass to start the run and pull Penn State within six before the halftime break. Barkley criss-crossed the field and eluded multiple Trojan defenders for a 79-yard touchdown run on the Nittany Lions' first offensive play of the third

quarter, giving Penn State its first lead of the game, 28-27. On Penn State's next possession, quarterback Trace McSorley connected with Godwin for a 72-yard touchdown pass down the sideline. A Brandon Bell interception that he returned 24 yards to the USC 3 then set up a McSorley touchdown run for a game-high 15-point advantage.

Both teams would trade touchdowns before the quarter ended, resulting in a 49-35 Penn State lead, but USC would score 17 points in the fourth quarter to inch back in front.

The USC defense was able to keep Penn State off of the scoreboard in the fourth quarter and defensive back Leon McQuay III intercepted a McSorley pass with 50 seconds remaining, setting up the Trojans' game-winning field goal by Matt Boermeester. USC scored twice in the final 1:20 of the game.



## TEAM STATISTICS

	USC	PSU
First Downs	33	23
Rushing Yards	122	211
Passing Yards	453	254
Passing (C-A-Int)	33-54-1	18-29-3
Total Offense	575	465
Plays	88	62
Fumbles (#-Lost)	0-0	1-0
Penalties (#-Yards)	10-85	5-65
Possession Time	33:21	26:39
3rd-Down Conv.	8-of-15	4-of-10
Red Zone	5-5	3-3
Touchdowns	6	7
Field goals	3	0

## GAME LEADERS

\* Top performers from each school based on yardage.

USC		PENN STATE	
<b>Passing</b>		<b>Passing</b>	
Sam Darnold	33-of-53, 453 yds, 5 TD/1 INT	Trace McSorley	18-of-29, 254 yds, 4 TD/3 INT
<b>Rushing</b>		<b>Rushing</b>	
Ronald Jones III	20 for 55 yds, 1 TD	Saquon Barkley	25 for 194 yds, 2 TD
Justin Davis	6 for 43 yds	Trace McSorley	6 for 13 yds, 1 TD
<b>Receiving</b>		<b>Receiving</b>	
Deontay Burnett	13 for 164 yds, 3 TD	Chris Godwin	9 for 187 yds, 2 TD
JuJu Smith-Schuster	7 for 133 yds, 1 TD	Saquon Barkley	5 for 55 yds, 1 TD
<b>Tackles (U-A-Total)</b>		<b>Tackles (U-A-Total)</b>	
Stevie Tu'ikolovatu	6-2-8	Jason Cabinda	7-4-11
Leon McQuay	7-0-7	Marcus Allen	5-4-9

## OTHER

Date	January 2, 2017
Location	Pasadena, Calif.
Stadium	Rose Bowl Stadium
Attendance	95,128
Time of Game	4:12
Penn State	11-3
USC	10-3



PENN STATE VS. BIG TEN

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- Penn State is 52-22 in the Big Ten since 2016.
- PSU won 13 consecutive games against Big Ten opponents from 2016-17, breaking its record of 12 from 1993-94.
- Penn State owns a 258-130-3 mark against Big Ten Conference teams since the Nittany Lions first opposed Ohio State in 1912.
- The Nittany Lions began play as a member of the Big Ten Conference in 1993 and have a 162-94 mark.
- Penn State played 132 games vs. the current Big Ten alignment when either or both Penn State itself (prior to 1993) or the opponent (Nebraska prior to 2011; Maryland and Rutgers prior to 2014; Oregon, UCLA, USC and Washington prior to 2024) was not yet a member of the Big Ten. The Nittany Lions went 92-37-3 in those games.

Opponent	Record	1st Meeting	Last Meeting
<b>Illinois</b>	<b>22-6</b>	<b>1954</b>	<b>2024</b>
Indiana	25-2	1993	2023
Iowa	18-14	1930	2023
<b>Maryland</b>	<b>43-3-1</b>	<b>1917</b>	<b>2023</b>
Michigan	10-17	1993	2023
Michigan State	19-18-1	1914	2023
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>10-6</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>2022</b>
Nebraska	8-10	1920	2020
Northwestern	16-5	1993	2023
<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>14-25</b>	<b>1912</b>	<b>2023</b>
Oregon	3-1	1960	1994
<b>Purdue</b>	<b>16-3-1</b>	<b>1951</b>	<b>2022</b>
Rutgers	32-2	1918	2023
<b>UCLA</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>1963</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>USC</b>	<b>4-6</b>	<b>1922</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Washington</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>1921</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>11-9</b>	<b>1953</b>	<b>2021</b>

Bold indicates 2024 opponent

BIG TEN'S NEW TEAMS

- The Big Ten welcomed four former Pac-12 schools ahead of the 2024 season.
- Oregon, UCLA, USC and Washington joined the conference to expand the league to 18 teams.
- The Nittany Lions meet UCLA (10/5), USC (10/12) and Washington (11/9) in 2024.
- Penn State's all-time games against the former Pac-12 schools:

Date	Opponent	Score
12/3/1921	at Washington	W, 21-7
1/1/1923	vs. USC (Rose Bowl)	L, 3-14
12/17/1960	vs. No. 16 Oregon (Liberty Bowl)	W, 41-12
9/21/1963	at Oregon	W, 17-7
9/28/1963	UCLA	W, 17-14
9/26/1964	at UCLA	L, 14-21
10/3/1964	Oregon	L, 14-22
10/2/1965	UCLA	L, 22-24
10/15/1966	at No. 4 UCLA	L, 11-49
10/7/1967	No. 3 UCLA	L, 15-17
10/12/1968	at UCLA	W, 21-6
1/1/1982	vs. No. 8 USC (Fiesta Bowl)	W, 26-10
12/26/1983	vs. Washington (Aloha Bowl)	W, 13-10
9/15/1990	at No. 6 USC	L, 14-19
9/14/1991	at USC	L, 10-21
9/11/1993	USC	W, 21-20
9/10/1994	No. 14 USC	W, 38-14
1/2/1994	vs. No. 12 Oregon (Rose Bowl)	W, 38-20
8/25/1996	vs. No. 7 USC (Giants Stadium)	W, 24-7
8/27/2000	vs. No. 15 USC (Giants Stadium)	L, 5-29
1/1/2009	vs. No. 5 USC (Rose Bowl)	L, 24-38
1/2/2017	vs. No. 9 USC (Rose Bowl)	L, 49-52
12/30/2017	vs. No. 12 Washington (Fiesta Bowl)	W, 35-28
10/5/2024	UCLA	W, 27-11
10/12/2024	at USC	--

MILESTONE WATCH

- **Kaytron Allen** is 2 touchdowns shy of 20 career rushing touchdowns.
- **Abdul Carter** is 6 sacks shy of 20 career sacks.
- **Tyler Elsdon** is 9 tackles shy of 100 career tackles.
- **Mari Evans** is 131 yards shy of 500 career receiving yards.
- **Beau Pribula** is 66 yards shy of 500 career rushing yards.
- **Nicholas Singleton** is 33 yards shy of 500 career receiving yards.
- **Tyler Warren** is 105 yards shy of 1,000 career receiving yards.
- **Kevin Winston Jr.** is 10 tackles shy of 100 career tackles.

TEAM NOTES

USC CONNECTIONS

- Penn State junior **K Chase Meyer** and USC redshirt senior DE Solomon Tuliuaupupu, senior LB Raesjon Davis, senior WR Corey Nerhus, redshirt junior WR Kyron Hudson and redshirt junior WR Josiah Zamora all played at Mater Dei High School in California.
- Penn State freshman TE **Luke Reynolds** and USC freshman LB Elijah Newby both played at Cheshire Academy in Connecticut.
- Penn State redshirt junior P **Gabriel Nwosu** and USC redshirt senior S Bryson Shaw both played at The Bullis School in Maryland.
- Penn State senior WR **Julian Fleming** and Shaw played together at Ohio State from 2020-21.

USC COACH CONNECTIONS

- USC defensive coordinator D'Anton Lynn played at Penn State from 2008-11, earning All-Big Ten honorable mention honors.

UCLA NOTES

- The Nittany Lions are 6-3 in Penn State Stripe Out games.
- Penn State improved to 5-0 for the fourth-straight year. The Nittany Lions are the only FBS team to start 5-0 in each of the last four seasons.
- It is the first time in program history Penn State has started 5-0 in four-straight seasons.
- This marks the 35th time Penn State has started a season 5-0 and the sixth time under **James Franklin**.
- Penn State scored on a 16-play, 82-yard drive, covering 8:36 in the second quarter. It was Penn State's longest drive by plays since a 17-play drive against Iowa in 2023 and its longest drive by time since a 9:04 drive against Indiana in 2019.
- TE **Tyler Warren** recorded his 17th total touchdown (14 receiving; 3 rushing) at Penn State, breaking a tie with Pat Freiermuth (16 receiving; 2018-20) for the most all-time by a PSU tight end.
- WR **Liam Clifford** had his first career 100-yard receiving game with 107 yards on three catches.
- The Nittany Lions have allowed just 17 second-half points this season and zero points in the third quarter.
- In the third quarter, Penn State held UCLA to (-9) yards (5 passing, -14 rushing) on 11 plays.
- Through five games, Penn State has allowed just 87 yards on 46 plays (1.9 yards per play) in the third quarter.
- Penn State has allowed 363 total yards on 127 plays (2.9 yards per play) in the second half this season, including 106 yards on 34 offensive plays to UCLA in the second half.
- The Nittany Lions are allowing just 100 rushing yards on 64 attempts in the second half this season (1.56 yards per rush).

ILLINOIS NOTES

- Penn State is 17-15 all-time in Big Ten openers, including wins in its last four and seven of the last eight.
- Penn State is 75-24-5 in Homecoming games and 5-2 when wearing its Generations of Greatness uniforms.
- Penn State has held Big Ten opponents to less than 100 rushing yards in three-straight games and 14 of the last 15 contests.
- From the 1:41 mark of the second quarter (when Illinois had the ball at the Penn State 2-yard line) until the end of the game, the Nittany Lions held Illinois to 39 total yards.
- A missed field goal in the red zone by the Illini in the second quarter snapped a streak of 36-straight red zone scores, which was the longest in the country.
- Penn State had a season-high 13 tackles for loss, the most since recording 14 in 2023 vs. UMass, and most in a Big Ten game since 2022 at Rutgers (15).
- The Nittany Lions recorded a season-high seven sacks, their most since notching seven in 2023 at Michigan State.
- DE **Abdul Carter** is the first Nittany Lion with four tackles for loss in a game since Yetur Gross-Matos against Iowa in 2018.
- Carter was tabbed Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week.

KENT STATE NOTES

- Penn State posted 718 yards of total offense and allowed 66 total yards on defense, a difference of 652 yards. The difference is the most for a Penn State team since 1947 and according to ESPN Stats & Info, the highest yard differential in the FBS in the last 20 years.
- Penn State had a school-record 718 yards of offense. The previous record was 711 yards vs. Susquehanna in 1926.
- The Nittany Lions had a school-record 40 first downs. The previous record was 38 vs. West Virginia in 1962.
- PSU had eight different players score a touchdown in a game for the first time since eight scored against Georgia State in 2017.
- Penn State's 409 passing yards are the fifth-highest in school history and the most since the Nittany Lions had 429 passing yards vs. Villanova in 2021.
- Between the second and third quarters, Penn State scored four touchdowns in a 7:36 span, while covering 319 yards.
- Penn State had three different players (QB **Drew Allar**, QB **Beau Pribula**, TE **Tyler Warren**) throw a passing touchdown in the same game since 2008 in a 55-13 win over Syracuse (QB Daryll Clark, QB Pat Devlin, QB Paul Cianciolo).
- Warren threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Nicholas Singleton in the second quarter. It was Warren's first career touchdown pass.
- Warren is the first non-PSU quarterback with a passing and receiving touchdown in the same game since WR KeAndre Lambert-Smith against Michigan State in 2022.
- Penn State held Kent State to 66 yards of offense (48 rushing, 18 passing), tied for the seventh-fewest since 1947. It is the fewest yards allowed by the Nittany Lions since holding Michigan State to 53 yards of total offense in 2023.
- The Nittany Lions held Kent State to 20 total yards in the first quarter (0 pass, 20 rush) and 40 total yards in the first half (18 pass, 22 rush). Penn State held Kent State to 26 yards in the second half (0 pass, 26 rush).
- The 18 passing yards allowed are the fewest allowed by Penn State under **James Franklin**.
- Penn State only allowed six first downs, the fewest since allowing five at Michigan State in 2023.
- The two passing completions allowed are the second-fewest allowed under Franklin and the lowest number of completions allowed since Army had one completion in 2015.

BOWLING GREEN NOTES

- Penn State snapped a streak of 28 games not allowing a first-drive touchdown, dating back to the Michigan State game in 2021. It was the nation's longest active streak.
- The Nittany Lions snapped a streak of 15-straight regular-season non-conference matchups without allowing more than 20 points in a game.
- Penn State is 123-13-1 all-time in home openers and 55-10 in Beaver Stadium home openers, including wins in 21 of the last 23 home openers.
- On Bowling Green's opening drive, Penn State snapped a streak of 28-straight games not allowing a first-drive touchdown, dating back to the Michigan State game in 2021. It was the nation's longest active streak.
- The Nittany Lions snapped a streak of 15-straight regular season non-conference games not allowing more than 20 points.
- Penn State had nine plays of 20+ yards on Saturday (five passes, four rushes)
- RB **Nicholas Singleton** and RB **Kaytron Allen** each rushed for 100 yards in the same game for the second time in their careers
- TE **Tyler Warren** posted a career-high 146 yards on a career-best eight receptions.
- Warren's 146 receiving yards are a Penn State tight end record in a game, topping Matt Kranchick's 136 yards against Wisconsin in 2003.
- The senior earned his second-career 100-yard receiving game. He is tied-second among Penn State tight ends, trailing only Ted Kwalick (1966-68). He is tied with Mickey Shuler (2; 1975-77) and Pat Freiermuth (2; 2018-20).

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## TEAM NOTES

- Penn State held Bowling Green to six total yards in the third quarter (1 rushing, 5 passing).

### WEST VIRGINIA NOTES

- The Nittany Lions have won six-straight matchups in the series and 34 of the last 36 contests.
- Penn State is now 114-22-2 all-time in season openers and has won 20 of its last 23 season-opening contests.
- Due to lightning in the area, the start of the second half was delayed by 2 hours and 19 minutes.
- QB **Drew Allar** threw three touchdown passes in the second quarter, becoming the first Penn State quarterback to throw three touchdown passes in a quarter since Trace McSorley against Michigan State in 2016 (third quarter – Chris Godwin 34 yards, Mike Gesicki 45 yards, Godwin 59 yards).
- Penn State forced three turnovers, including two fumbles and an interception.
- S **Kevin Winston Jr.** tied a career high with 12 tackles (7 solo), earning his third career double-digit tackle game.
- Winston claimed Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week honors.
- in the fourth quarter, DE **Dani Dennis-Sutton** recovered a fumble and CB **Elliot Washington II** picked off a pass.

### STREAKING

- Penn State has not allowed a special teams touchdown in 66-straight games, dating back to the start of the 2019 season.
- Penn State has won 20 consecutive games against teams that are not members of a Power Four conference.
- Penn State has won 22 consecutive games over non-conference opponents during the regular season, dating back to a win over Temple in 2016.
- Penn State has won 27-straight non-conference home games, dating back to a win over Kent State in 2013.

### DAWKINS ON GOOD WORKS TEAM

- Redshirt senior OL **Nick Dawkins** was named to the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team on Sept. 17.
- Dawkins is one of 22 student-athletes on the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team, which recognizes exemplary community service.
- By being one of 11 FBS players selected to the Good Works Team, Dawkins is also a semifinalist for the Allstate Wuerffel Trophy.

### BACK-TO-BACK 10 WIN SEASONS

- In 2023, Penn State reached 10 wins in a season for the 26th time in program history and 10 regular season wins for the 21st time in program history.
- The Nittany Lions won at least 10 games in back-to-back seasons for the 12th time in program history.
- Penn State joined Alabama, Florida State, Georgia, LSU, Michigan, Ohio, Ohio State, Oregon, Troy, Tulane and Washington as teams who posted 10+ win seasons in 2022 and 2023.
- The Nittany Lions reached 10 wins for the fifth time since 2016.
- Penn State is one of 11 FBS teams with at least 10 wins in at least five of the last eight seasons, joining Alabama (8), Boise State (6), Clemson (7), Georgia (6), Michigan (6), Notre Dame (5), Ohio State (7), Oklahoma (6), Troy (5) and Washington (5).

### IN THE CFP RANKINGS

- Penn State opened the 2023 College Football Playoff rankings at No. 11 and finished at No. 10 in the final 2023 poll.
- Penn State is one of nine FBS teams who have appeared in each of the last 12 CFP rankings.
- With appearances in the last 12 CFP rankings, Penn State is tied for the sixth-longest active streak among FBS teams.
- The Nittany Lions have appeared in the CFP rankings 36 times since the College Football Playoff was introduced in 2014.
- Penn State has ranked among the CFP Top 10 on 20 occasions.
- Penn State has finished in the CFP Top 12 six times, ranking sixth-most among FBS teams and second among Big Ten teams.

### WATCH LISTS

- Several Nittany Lions were named to preseason watch lists.
- Junior QB **Drew Allar** was tabbed to the Davey O'Brien, Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, Manning Award and Maxwell Award watch lists.
- Junior RB **Kaytron Allen** was named to the Doak Walker Award watch list.
- Junior LB **Abdul Carter** landed on the Bednarik Award, Lombardi Award, Lott IMPACT Trophy, Nagurski Trophy and Walter Camp Player of the Year Award watch lists.
- Redshirt senior OL **Nick Dawkins** was placed on the Wuerffel Trophy watch list.
- Junior DE **Dani Dennis-Sutton** is on the Lott IMPACT Trophy watch list.
- Redshirt junior LS **Tyler Duzansky** is a member of the Mannelly Award watch list.
- Junior WR **Omari Evans** is on the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award watch list.
- Redshirt sophomore OL **Olaivavega Ioane** and redshirt senior+ DT **Dvon J-Thomas** are on the Polynesian Player of the Year Award watch list.
- Redshirt junior LB **Kobe King** landed on the Butkus Award watch list.
- Junior K **Chase Meyer** was selected for the Lou Groza Award watch list.
- Junior RB **Nicholas Singleton** was tabbed to the Doak Walker Award, Maxwell Award, Paul Hornung Award and Walter Camp Player of the Year Award watch lists.
- Junior P **Riley Thompson** is on the Ray Guy Award watch list.
- Senior TE **Tyler Warren** was named to the Mackey Award watch list.
- Junior S **Kevin Winston Jr.** was selected for the Bednarik Award watch list.
- Redshirt senior+ OL **Sal Wormley** was tabbed to the Outland Trophy watch list.
- Freshman OL **Cooper Cousins** is on the Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award watch list.
- Allar, Allen, Carter, Dennis-Sutton, WR **Julian Fleming**, King, OL **JB Nelson**, S **Jaylen Reed**, OL **Nolan Rucci**, Singleton, Warren, Winston and Wormley are on the Reese's Senior Bowl watch list.

## RECORD BREAKDOWN

Overall Record	5-0
Day Games	4-0
Night Games (6 p.m. or later)	1-0
TV Games	5-0
BTN	2-0
FOX	2-0
NBC	1-0
Scoring First	3-0
Opponent Scoring First	2-0
Leading at the Half	3-0
Trailing at the Half	1-0
Tied at the Half	1-0
Leading after Third Qtr.	5-0
Trailing after Third Qtr.	0-0
Tied after Third Qtr.	0-0
Overtime Games	0-0
Scoring less than 20 pts	0-0
Scoring 20-29 points	2-0
Scoring 30-39 Points	2-0
Scoring 40+ Points	1-0
Allowing 10 points or less	2-0
Allowing 11-20 points	2-0
Allowing 21-30 points	1-0
Allowing 31+ points	0-0
Rushing for less than 100 yds	1-0
Rushing for 100-199 yds	0-0
Rushing for 200-299 yds	3-0
Rushing for 300+ yds	1-0
Passing for less than 200 yds	1-0
Passing for 200-299 yds	3-0
Passing for 300-399 yds	0-0
Passing for 400+ yds	1-0
Totalling less than 300 yds total offense	0-0
300-399 yds of total offense	2-0
400-499 yds of total offense	2-0
500+ yds of total offense	1-0
Allowing less than 100 yds rushing	4-0
Allowing more than 100 yds rushing	1-0
Allowing less than 300 yds total offense	4-0
Allowing 300+ yds total offense	1-0
Having a 100-yd rusher	3-0
Having two 100-yd rushers	1-0
Not having a 100-yd rusher	2-0
Opp. having a 100-yd rusher	0-0
No turnovers	2-0
1-3 turnovers	3-0
4+ turnovers	0-0
No takeaways	2-0
1 or 2 takeaways	2-0
3 or more takeaways	1-0
More than 30:00 of possession	3-0
Less than 30:00 of possession	2-0

## AT THE START

Opponent	Coin Toss	Choice	PSU 1st Drive	Opponent 1st Drive	Game Captains
at West Virginia	West Virginia	Receive	Fumble	Punt	Dominic DeLuca, Riley Thompson, Tyler Warren, Kevin Winston Jr.
BOWLING GREEN	Penn State	Defer	Touchdown	Touchdown	Dominic DeLuca, Zane Durant, Kobe King, Riley Thompson
KENT STATE	Penn State	Defer	Interception	Punt	Dominic DeLuca, Kobe King, Beau Pribula, Elliot Washington II
ILLINOIS*	Penn State	Defer	Touchdown	Touchdown	Dominic DeLuca, Kobe King, Jaylen Reed, Tyler Warren
UCLA*	UCLA	Defer	Punt	Turnover on Downs	Nick Dawkins, Dominic DeLuca, Dani Dennis-Sutton, Beau Pribula
at USC*	-	-	-	-	-
at Wisconsin*	-	-	-	-	-
OHIO STATE*	-	-	-	-	-
WASHINGTON*	-	-	-	-	-
at Purdue*	-	-	-	-	-
at Minnesota*	-	-	-	-	-
MARYLAND*	-	-	-	-	-

\* Big Ten Conference Game

**HISTORIC SERIES**

- The Nittany Lions have played 23 teams 20 or more times in the 137-year history of the program.
- Penn State owns a winning record against 18 of the 23 teams that it has met 20 or more times.
- Six of the 23 teams are on the 2024 schedule, including West Virginia (61), Illinois (28), Wisconsin (20), Ohio State (39), Purdue (20) and Maryland (47).
- Eighteen of the 23 programs are currently members of NCAA Division I FBS.

Team	Meetings	Record
Pittsburgh	100	53-43-4
Syracuse	71	43-23-5
<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>50-9-2</b>
<b>Maryland*</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>43-3-1</b>
Penn <sup>^</sup>	47	18-25-4
Temple	45	40-4-1
<b>Ohio State*</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>14-25</b>
Bucknell <sup>^</sup>	38	28-10
Michigan State*	38	19-18-1
Navy	38	19-17-2
Rutgers*	34	32-2
Iowa*	32	18-14
Gettysburg <sup>^</sup>	28	27-0-1
<b>Illinois*</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22-6</b>
Indiana*	27	25-2
Michigan*	27	10-17
Army	26	14-10-2
Boston College	24	20-4
Lehigh <sup>^</sup>	23	16-6-1
Northwestern*	21	16-5
<b>Wisconsin*</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11-9</b>
Lebanon Valley <sup>^</sup>	20	20-0
<b>Purdue*</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16-3-1</b>

\* - Current Big Ten team | ^ - Current Non-FBS university

Bold indicates 2024 opponent

**HOME SWEET HOME**

- With a 320-81 all-time record in Beaver Stadium, Penn State owns the sixth-best record in its venue amongst current FBS schools and leads the Big Ten.
- Penn State averaged 108,409 fans in seven home games in 2023, which is the second-highest single-season average attendance in Beaver Stadium history and is the highest since record 108,917 average in 2007.
- The Nittany Lions welcomed 110,856 fans against Michigan in 2023. It is the second-largest crowd in Beaver Stadium history. This season, Penn State has recorded attendances numbers of 110,747 (vs. West Virginia), 110,830 (vs. Iowa) and 110,856 (vs. Michigan).
- The 2023 Penn State White Out attendance was 110,830, which is the third-largest crowd in Beaver Stadium history behind only the 110,889 from the 2018 Penn State White Out game against Ohio State and 110,856 against Michigan in 2023.
- Only Alabama (.842) and Oklahoma (.816) have higher winning percentages in facilities older than Beaver Stadium.

School	Stadium Name (Opened)	Rec	Win %
1. Alabama	Bryant-Denny Stadium (1929)	300-55-3	.842
2. Boise State	Albertsons Stadium (1970)	289-61	.826
3. Marshall	Joan C. Edwards Stadium (1991)	186-42	.816
4. Oklahoma	Gaylord Family-Oklahoma Memorial Stad. (1923)	426-90-15	.816
5. Ga. Southern	Paulson Stadium (1984)	214-51	.808
<b>6. Penn State</b>	<b>Beaver Stadium (1960)</b>	<b>320-81</b>	<b>.798</b>
7. Ohio State	Ohio Stadium (1922)	475-114-20	.796
8. Georgia	Sanford Stadium (1929)	382-107-9	.776
9. Auburn	Jordan-Hare Stadium (1939)	347-98-7	.775
10. Tennessee	Neyland Stadium (1921)	494-142-17	.769

**TOP 10 BEAVER STADIUM CROWDS**

Date	Result	Attendance
9/29/18	Ohio State 27, Penn State 26	110,889
11/11/23	Michigan 24, Penn State 15	110,856
9/23/23	Penn State 31, Iowa 0	110,830
10/21/17	Penn State 42, Michigan 13	110,823
9/14/02	Penn State 40, Nebraska 7	110,753
9/2/23	Penn State 38, West Virginia 15	110,747
10/19/19	Penn State 28, Michigan 21	110,669
10/27/07	Ohio State 37, Penn State 17	110,134
9/8/07	Penn State 31, Notre Dame 10	110,078
<b>10/5/24</b>	<b>Penn State 27, UCLA 11</b>	<b>110,047</b>

**TEAM NOTES**

**PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS**

- Junior DE **Abdul Carter** was tabbed a preseason first-team All-American by Action Network.
- Carter was named preseason second-team All-America by Associated Press, CBS, ESPN and The Athletic.
- Carter was also a preseason All-American selection by the Walter Camp Award.
- Redshirt senior+ OL **Sal Wormley** was selected preseason All-America second-team by Action Network.
- Freshman OL **Cooper Cousins** was named a preseason True Freshman All-American by 247Sports, On3 and ESPN.

**LIONS UNDER THE LIGHTS**

- With the Nittany Lions battling Illinois at 7:30 p.m. on NBC, the 2024 season marks the 24th-straight with at least one regular-season night game on the schedule.
- Penn State is 63-32 at night all-time. The figure breaks down to 22-11 at home, 29-14 on the road and 12-7 in neutral site games. Penn State is 1-1 at regular season neutral sites, 11-6 in bowl games and 1-0 in conference championship games.
- In 2019, Penn State played its most regular season night games in program history with four primetime tilts.
- On Oct. 12, 2013, the Lions claimed the longest game in Big Ten history when they edged Michigan under the lights, 43-40, in four overtimes in front of a sellout Beaver Stadium crowd of 107,844 on Homecoming.

**ON TV**

- Penn State has had 364 of its last 366 games televised, including 260 consecutive games.
- Over the last 15 seasons, every Penn State game has aired on either ABC, BTN, CBS, NBC, Peacock or an ESPN or FOX channel.
- Penn State has made 345 regular season TV appearances since 1995.
- Penn State games averaged 3.66 million viewers in 2023.
- The Nittany Lions played in three of the Top 25 most-watched games in 2023, including Penn State-Ohio State (9.96 million viewers; FOX), Penn State-Michigan (9.16; FOX) and Penn State-Ole Miss (7.77; ESPN).

**OVERTIME OVER TIME**

- College football introduced overtime during the bowl season in 1995 and adopted it for regular season games in 1996. Since then, Penn State has played 15 overtime games, including six over the 2012-14 seasons.
- Ten of the 15 overtime tilts have come at home, three in true road games, one in the 2006 Orange Bowl and one in the 2014 Pinstripe Bowl.
- Penn State is 8-7 all-time in overtime games, with a 5-5 record at Beaver Stadium, 1-2 mark in true road games and 2-0 in contests at a neutral site.
- Penn State's first two overtime contests came vs. Iowa in 2000 and 2002 at home. The Nittany Lions dropped their first three contests that went to the extra period, but won five straight overtime contests before falling to Nebraska on Nov. 23, 2013.

• Penn State's all-time overtime games:

Date	Opponent	Score
11/4/00	IOWA (20T)	L, 23-26
9/28/02	IOWA	L, 35-42
10/12/02	at Michigan	L, 24-27
1/3/06	vs. Florida State (30T) <sup>1</sup>	W, 26-23
10/7/06	at Minnesota	W, 28-27
11/24/12	WISCONSIN	W, 24-21
10/12/13	MICHIGAN (40T)	W, 43-40
11/2/13	ILLINOIS	W, 24-17
11/23/13	NEBRASKA	L, 20-23
10/25/14	OHIO STATE (20T)	L, 24-31
12/27/14	vs. Boston College <sup>2</sup>	W, 31-30
10/2/16	MINNESOTA	W, 29-26
9/1/18	APPALACHIAN STATE	W, 45-38
10/24/20	at Indiana	L, 35-36
10/23/21	Illinois (90T)	L, 18-20

1 - Orange Bowl, 2 - Pinstripe Bowl

**FAMILY AFFAIR**

- Penn Staters know that it is very common for generations of families to all attend Penn State. For a fortunate few, immediate family members are also able to follow in a brother, father or grandfather's footsteps on the Penn State football team.
- Three sons of Penn State lettermen are on the 2024 team.
 

<b>Father (Letters)</b>	<b>Son (Class)</b>
Brian Chizmar (1986-89)	Ben Chizmar (R-Jr.)
Ed Pryts (1978-82)	Jackson Pryts (R-So.)
Todd Rucci (1990-92)	Nolan Rucci (R-Jr.)
- Five pairs of brothers are currently represented.
 

<b>Older (Years/Class)</b>	<b>Younger (Class)</b>
Max Chizmar (2017-21)	Ben Chizmar (R-Jr.)
Sean Clifford (2018-22)	Liam Clifford (R-Jr.)
Khalil Dinkins (2020-pres.; R-Jr.)	Kolin Dinkins (R-So.)
Kalen King (2021-23) (Twins)	Kobe King (R-Jr.)
Michal Menet (2017-21)	Joey Schläffer (R-Fr.)

**FUTURE BIG TEN SCHEDULES**

- On October 4, 2023, the Big Ten released Penn State's home and away opponents for the 2024-28 seasons.
- **2025: home:** Indiana, Nebraska, Northwestern, Oregon; **away:** Iowa, Michigan State, Ohio State, Rutgers, UCLA.
- **2026: home:** Minnesota, Purdue, Rutgers, USC, Wisconsin; **away:** Maryland, Michigan, Northwestern, Washington.
- **2027: home:** Maryland, Michigan, Michigan State, Washington; **away:** Illinois, Indiana, Oregon, Purdue, Wisconsin.
- **2028: home:** Indiana, Iowa, Ohio State, Oregon, UCLA; **away:** Michigan State, Nebraska, Rutgers, USC



**2024 TEAM CAPTAINS**

- #0 DOMINIC DELUCA
- #15 DREW ALLAR
- #21 KEVIN WINSTON JR.
- #41 KOBE KING
- #53 NICK DAWKINS
- #95 RILEY THOMPSON

## TEAM NOTES

### POSŁUSZNY TABBED COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAMER

- Penn State national award winner and two-time first-team All-America linebacker **Paul Posłuszny** has been elected to the College Football Hall of Fame as part of the 2024 class.
- Posłuszny will be inducted to the Hall of Fame December 10, 2024 at the 66th National Football Foundation (NFF) Annual Awards Dinner in Las Vegas.
- Posłuszny is the 27th member (21 players, 6 coaches) of the Penn State football family to be elected to the College Hall of Fame. Linebacker LaVar Arrington was the most recent player inductee in 2022.
- He was recognized with an on-campus ceremony during the UCLA game.
- Posłuszny, an outside linebacker for the Nittany Lions, was a first-team All-American in 2005 and 2006.
- A native of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, he was selected a first-team honoree by the Associated Press, Football Writers Association of America, Sporting News and Walter Camp Football Foundation in 2005 and the Associated Press and Walter Camp Football Foundation in 2006.
- Posłuszny became just the second two-time winner of the Chuck Bednarik Award, presented to the nation's top defensive player, in 2006.
- In 2005, he also won the Butkus Award, presented to the nation's top linebacker and was a finalist for the 2006 honor.

### CARTER, DOZIER ON HALL OF FAME BALLOT

- Penn State lettermen **Ki-Jana Carter** and **D.J. Dozier** have been selected as a part of the national ballot for the National Football Foundation's College Hall of Fame's Class of 2025.
- A native of Westerville, Ohio, Carter was selected a first-team All-American during the 1994 campaign.
- He staked a claim to being one of the most decorated Penn State running backs of all time with a junior season in which he was fourth nationally in rushing (139.9), second in scoring (10.8 ppg) and fifth in all-purpose yardage (158.4). Carter led the Big Ten Conference in all three categories.
- Carter's 7.8 yards per carry easily was the best among the nation's Top 25 rushers.
- A tailback, Dozier matriculated to Happy Valley from Virginia Beach, Va. and earned first team All-America honors from the Walter Camp Football Foundation in 1986.
- Dozier is the only Nittany Lion to lead the team in rushing four consecutive seasons, doing so from 1983-86, and ranks No. 5 on the school career rushing yardage list with 3,227 yards, scoring 25 touchdowns and averaging 5.2 yards per attempt.
- Dozier gained 1,002 yards as a freshman and tallied 811 yards and scored 10 touchdowns as a senior and one of the instrumental players on the Nittany Lions' 12-0 squad.

### JONES, HAM TEAM UP FOR 25TH SEASON

- In 2024, Steve Jones and Jack Ham are set to team up for their 25th season as the play-by-play voice and color analyst, respectively, on the Penn State Sports Network.
- The pair began working on Penn State football radio broadcasts in 2000.
- The 2023 Peach Bowl against Ole Miss was the duo's 300th broadcast.
- Jones is a 1980 Penn State graduate and also serves as the play-by-play voice of Penn State Men's Basketball.
- Jones began his time with the Penn State Radio Network in 1983 and worked on Penn State football pregame, halftime and postgame shows before taking over as play-by-play announcer in 2000.
- Ham, an All-American in 1970, became the 10th Nittany Lion to be enshrined in the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame in 1990.
- Ham was the first Penn state product in both the College Football and Pro Football Halls of Fame after a nine-time All-Pro career as a linebacker for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

### TRUSTEES APPROVE BEAVER STADIUM RENOVATION PLANS

- The Penn State Board of Trustees on May 21 approved in investing in the renovation of Beaver Stadium, which will grow revenue-generating opportunities, transform the fan and community experience, and fuel the future funding for all 31 athletics programs at Penn State.
- The approved renovations will enable year-round use of Beaver Stadium, further driving economic growth and development in the surrounding region.
- Since January 2024, when the initial expenditure for the Beaver Stadium renovation was approved, steps have been underway at the stadium and will continue leading up to the 2024 college football season.
- Initial construction has prioritized safety and accessibility through the widening of select concourses and the installation of new escalators, as well as field lighting performance and videoboard replacements.
- Winterization work also is ongoing, which entails the insulation of pipes and other upgrades to allow the building to be occupied when temperatures are below freezing, giving Penn State the ability to host a College Football Playoff game beginning in 2024 and other potential events beyond Penn State football games in the winter months.
- After the 2024 season, the project plans encompass three distinct phases over the course of the next three football offseasons and will offer a new mix of seating options and improved amenities, such as restrooms and concessions.
- A new welcome center is planned for the community that will include a 21,000-square-foot facility for events and many other uses, serve as a connection point for all in the community, and augment enrollment efforts for prospective students and future student-athletes.
- The campus visit experience continues to be one of the most important drivers for prospective students, and the new center enables customization by leveraging technology to create visits that are personalized, immersive and showcase Penn State's areas of distinction.

## NATIONAL NITS

Below is a list of Penn State players that rank among the top-100 individuals and top-50 teams in the most recent season statistical rankings.

Rankings listed NCAA/Big Ten; Statistics are from October 6, 2024

- **QB Drew Allar**
  - Passing Efficiency - 187.6 (5/2)
  - Yards Per Pass Attempt - 10.69 (5/2)
  - Yards Per Completion - 15.08 (9/1)
  - Completion Percentage - 70.9 (10/6)
  - Points Responsible For Per Game - 14.4 (37/5)
  - Points Responsible For - 72 (38/6)
  - Passing Touchdowns - 9 (38/7)
  - Passing Yards Per Game - 220.2 (60/8)
  - Passing Yards - 1,101 (60/10)
  - Total Offense Per Game - 238.0 (66/7)
  - Rushing Touchdowns - 3 (98/18)
- **RB Kaytron Allen**
  - Rushing Yards Per Game - 73.4 (55/10)
  - Rushing Yards - 367 (61/11)
  - Yards Per Carry - 4.96 (74/15)
- **DE Abdul Carter**
  - Tackles For Loss Per Game - 1.6 (11/3)
  - Sacks Per Game - 0.6 (54/9)
- **DE Dani Dennis-Sutton**
  - Fumbles Recovered - 1 (17/1)
  - Sacks Per Game - 0.5 (88/15)
- **WR Omari Evans**
  - Yards Per Reception - 22.0 (11/1)
- **CB A.J. Harris**
  - Total Interceptions - 1 (89/18)
- **S Jaylen Reed**
  - Fumbles Recovered - 1 (17/1)
- **LB Tony Rojas**
  - Total Interceptions - 1 (89/18)
- **RB Nicholas Singleton**
  - Yards Per Carry - 7.70 (5/3)
  - Rushing Yards Per Game - 102.0 (15/4)
  - Rushing Yards - 408 (46/9)
  - Total Touchdowns - 5 (58/12)
  - Rushing Touchdowns - 3 (98/18)
- **DE Smith Vilbert**
  - Fumbles Recovered - 1 (17/1)
- **WR Harrison Wallace III**
  - Yards Per Reception - 16.43 (81/8)
- **TE Tyler Warren**
  - Receiving Touchdowns - 3 (61/10)
  - Receptions Per Game - 4.6 (86/13)
- **CB Elliot Washington II**
  - Total Interceptions - 1 (89/18)
- **S Zakee Wheatley**
  - Total Interceptions - 1 (89/18)
- **TEAM**
  - Punt Return Defense - 0.0 (3/1)
  - Passing Efficiency - 192.18 (4/1)
  - Rushing Defense - 76.2 (4/2)
  - Total Defense - 233.2 (4/2)
  - Fumbles Lost - 1 (6/1)
  - Tackles For Loss Allowed - 3.2 (6/2)
  - Third Down Conversions - 52.8 (7/2)
  - Turnovers Lost - 3 (8/1)
  - Scoring Defense - 11.4 (8/3)
  - Yards Per Completion - 15.06 (9/2)
  - Completion Percentage - 71.1 (9/5)
  - Passing Defense - 157.0 (11/4)
  - First Downs Allowed - 76 (14/4)
  - Interceptions Thrown - 2 (17/3)
  - Rushing Offense - 217.8 (17/3)
  - Passing Efficiency Defense - 110.32 (19/6)
  - Turnover Margin - Plus-4 (21/5)
  - Total Offense - 461.8 (22/4)
  - Tackles For Loss Per Game - 7.0 (24/2)
  - Sacks Per Game - 2.6 (24/6)
  - Red Zone Defense - 75.0 (25/7)
  - First Downs Offense - 124 (28/5)
  - Fourth Down Conversions - 66.7 (29/5)
  - Scoring Offense - 34.4 (33/4)
  - Third Down Conversions Defense - 33.3 (33/6)
  - Sacks Allowed - 1.2 (35/5)
  - Red Zone Offense - 90.9 (36/6)
  - Net Punting - 41.0 (37/9)
  - Fumbles Recovered - 3 (41/5)

SEASON HONORS

**DREW ALLAR, QUARTERBACK**

Davey O'Brien Award Great 8 (9/3)  
 Davey O'Brien Award Watch List  
 Maxwell Award Watch List  
 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

**KAYTRON ALLEN, RUNNING BACK**

Doak Walker Award Watch List  
 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

**ABDUL CARTER, DEFENSIVE END**

Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week (9/30)  
 Senior Bowl Co-Defensive Player of the Week (9/30)  
 Bednarik Award Player of the Week (10/1)  
 Bronko Nagurski Player of the Week (10/1)  
 Bednarik Award Watch List  
 Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List  
 Butkus Award Watch List  
 Lombardi Award Watch List  
 Lott IMPACT Trophy Watch List  
 Walter Camp Player of the Year Award Watch List  
 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List  
 Preseason Walter Camp All-America  
 Preseason Action Network All-America (First Team)  
 Preseason Associated Press All-America (Second Team)  
 Preseason CBS All-America (Second Team)  
 Preseason ESPN All-America (Second Team)  
 Preseason The Athletic All-America (Second Team)

**COOPER COUSINS, OFFENSIVE LINE**

Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award Watch List  
 Preseason 247Sports True Freshman All-America  
 Preseason ESPN True Freshman All-America  
 Preseason On3 True Freshman All-America

**NICK DAWKINS, OFFENSIVE LINE**

Allstate AFCA Good Works Team  
 Wuerffel Trophy Semifinalist

**DANI DENNIS-SUTTON, DEFENSIVE END**

Lott IMPACT Trophy Watch List  
 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

**TYLER DUZANSKY, LONG SNAPPER**

Patrick Mannelly Award Watch List

**OMARI EVANS, WIDE RECEIVER**

Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Watch List

**JULIAN FLEMING, WIDE RECEIVER**

Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

**OLAIVAVEGA IOANE, OFFENSIVE LINE**

Polyneisan Player of the Year Award Watch List

**DVON J-THOMAS, DEFENSIVE TACKLE**

Polyneisan Player of the Year Award Watch List

**KOBE KING, LINEBACKER**

Butkus Award Watch List  
 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

**CHASE MEYER, KICKER**

Lou Groza Award Watch List

**JB NELSON, OFFENSIVE LINE**

Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

**JAYLEN REED, SAFETY**

Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

**NOLAN RUCCI, OFFENSIVE LINE**

Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

**NICHOLAS SINGLETON**

Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll (9/4)  
 Doak Walker Award Watch List  
 Maxwell Award Watch List  
 Paul Hornung Award Watch List  
 Walter Camp Player of the Year Award Watch List  
 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

**RILEY THOMPSON, PUNTER**

Ray Guy Award Punter of the Week (9/10)  
 Ray Guy Award Watch List

**TYLER WARREN, TIGHT END**

Campbell Trophy Award Semifinalist  
 John Mackey Award Tight End of the Week (9/10)  
 John Mackey Award Watch List  
 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

**KEVIN WINSTON JR., SAFETY**

Bednarik Award National Player of the Week (9/3)  
 Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week (9/2)  
 Bednarik Award Watch List  
 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

**SAL WORMLEY, OFFENSIVE LINE**

Outland Trophy Watch List  
 Preseason Action Network All-America (Second Team)  
 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- Since the start of the 2016 season, Penn State's offense is third in the Big Ten in red zone touchdown percentage (67.48; 10th nationally) and scoring offense (34.37; 15th), fifth in total offense (425.55; 30th) and sixth in points per possession (2.21; 17th), touchdown percentage (32.32; 17th), scoring percentage (41.43; 18th), yards per pass attempt (7.85; 27th) and yards per play (6.04; 35th).
- Penn State's offense has been explosive since the 2016 campaign, as it leads the Big Ten in 80-plus yard play percentage (0.18; 2nd nationally) and 70-plus (0.35; 8th) and holds fourth in 40-plus (1.89; 22nd), 50-plus (0.96; 35th) and 60-plus (0.50; 39th) and sixth in 20-plus (7.43; 28th) and 30-plus (3.40; 38th).
- The Nittany Lions have tallied at least 55 offensive plays of 20 or more yards in seven of the last nine seasons (67 in 2022; 57 in 2021; 63 in 2019; 73 in 2018; 85 in 2017; 91 in 2016; 67 in 2015). PSU had 52 plays of 20 or more yards in 2020 (9-game schedule).
- Additionally, the Nittany Lions are fifth in the Big Ten and 20th nationally in 15-plus yard passing play percentage since 2016 (19.20 percent).
- Penn State has surpassed 200 yards rushing 47 times in the **James Franklin** era. PSU is 42-5 in those games.
- Since 2014, Penn State has recorded 200 passing yards on 86 occasions. Penn State is 65-21 in those games.
- Since 2014, Penn State has tallied 400 total yards on 72 occasions. Penn State is 59-13 in those games.
- Since 2014, Penn State is 48-1 when leading by 10+ points at halftime.
- Since the start of the 2022 season, Penn State is first in the nation in turnover margin, averaging a +1.03 margin (1.84 gained per game; 0.81 lost per game).
- Penn State had four plays of 40+ yards vs. West Virginia, including a 50-yard touchdown pass from **Drew Allar** to **Harrison Wallace III**, a 55-yard pass from Allar to **Omari Evans** and a pair of 40-yard runs (one for a touchdown) by **Nicholas Singleton**.
- In the second quarter, Allar became the first Penn State quarterback to throw for three touchdowns in a quarter since Trace McSorley in 2016 against Michigan State (third quarter).
- Against Bowling Green, PSU had two 100-yard rushers (Singleton, 119; RB **Kaytron Allen**, 101).
- Penn State's +652 yard differential in the Kent State game (718 gained, 66 allowed) is a school record and, according to ESPN Stats & Info, is the highest in any game in the last decade and the highest against an FBS opponent in the last 20 seasons.
- Penn State had school records with 718 total yards and 40 first downs vs. Kent State, while its 409 passing yards are the fifth-highest total in school history.
- PSU had eight different players score a touchdown in a game for the first time since eight scored against Georgia State in 2017.
- Penn State had three different players (Allar, QB **Beau Pribula**, TE **Tyler Warren**) throw a passing touchdown in the same game since 2008 vs. Syracuse (QB Daryll Clark, QB Pat Devlin, QB Paul Cianciolo).
- Against UCLA, the Nittany Lions scored on a 16-play, 82-yard drive, covering 8:36 in the second quarter. It was Penn State's longest drive by plays since a 17-play drive against Iowa in 2023 and its longest drive by time since a 9:04 drive against Indiana in 2019.
- In 2024, PSU has 24 plays of 20+ yards (18 passes, 6 rushes).
- Penn State has four players with 100-yard receiving games this season (Wallace, 117 vs. West Virginia; Warren, 146 vs. Bowling Green; Evans, 116 vs. Kent State; **Liam Clifford**, 107 vs. UCLA), marking the first season with at least four players with 100-yard receiving games since 2017 (Saqwon Barkley, DaeSean Hamilton, Juwan Johnson, DeAndre Thompkins).
- In 2024, Penn State ranks fourth in the country in pass efficiency (192.18; 1st), sixth in tackles for loss allowed per game (3.2; 2nd), seventh in third down conversions (52.8; 2nd), ninth in yards per completion (15.06; 2nd) and completion percentage (71.1; 5th), 17th in rushing offense (217.8; 3rd) and 22nd in total offense (461.8; 4th).
- PSU has been one of the most explosive offenses in the country, ranking fourth in 10-plus yard play percentage (28.08), fifth in big play percentage (19.24) and third in percentage of 15+ yard pass plays (29.82).
- Singleton (2,221 yards) and Allen (2,136 yards) are the second set of Penn State teammates to each have 2,000 career rushing yards, joining Lydell Mitchell (1969-71; 2,934 yds.) and Franco Harris (1969-71; 2,002 yds.).
- Allar ranks fifth in the nation and second in the Big Ten with a 88.8 quarterback rating (QBR). He leads the Big Ten in yards per completion (15.08; 9th nationally), while ranking second in the league in passing efficiency (187.6; 5th) and yards per pass attempt (10.59; 5th), while sitting 10th in the nation in completion percentage (70.9).
- Singleton ranks fifth in the nation in yards per carry (7.7; 3rd B1G) and is averaging 9.4 yards per carry on first down this season, good for second in the FBS (min. 30 first down carries)
- Among FBS tight ends, in 2024, Warren ranks fourth in yards per reception (12.6; 1st B1G) among TEs with 23+ catches, fifth in receiving touchdowns (3; 1st), seventh in receiving yards per game (57.8; 1st) and eighth in receptions (23; 2nd).
- **Andy Kotelnicki** is in his first season as Penn State's offensive coordinator.
- Over the last 10 seasons as an offensive coordinator, Kotelnicki's offenses lead the nation in lowest sack percentage (3.9) and lowest tackle for loss percentage (8.0).
- Kotelnicki's offenses are second in the nation in rushing touchdowns per game (2.20) and third in yards per rush (4.75), rushing yards per game (190.5), rushing yards per season (2,091.6) and rushing touchdowns per season (23.8) over that span.
- Over the last 10 seasons as an OC, Kotelnicki's offenses are tied-first in points per play (0.46), second in yards per play (6.03), third down conversion percentage (46.43) and 40+ yard play percentage (1.94), third in touchdown percentage (30.06) and red zone touchdown percentage (66.0).
- Penn State has scored 40 points 33 times since 2016. By comparison, from 2008 until 2015, the Nittany Lions had 18 40-point outings.

Scoring Benchmarks Since 2016 (105 games)

Pts.	#	Last
50+	17	Sept. 21, 2024; vs. Kent State (W, 56-0)
40+	31	Sept. 21, 2024; vs. Kent State (W, 56-0)
30+	63	Sept. 21, 2024; vs. Kent State (W, 56-0)
20+	91	Oct. 5, 2024; vs. UCLA (W, 27-11)



Nicholas Singleton & Kaytron Allen

QUARTERBACK NOTES

- Junior quarterback **Drew Allar** is on watch lists for the Davey O'Brien Award, Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, Manning Award and Maxwell Award.
- Allar was selected honorable mention All-Big Ten by the coaches and media in 2023.
- In his career, the Ohio native has completed 61.8 percent of his passes (341-of-552) for 4,076 yards and 38 touchdowns (three interceptions) and owns 347 rushing yards and eight rushing touchdowns.
- He ranks first in school history in career interception percentage (0.54) and completion percentage (61.8), second in pass efficiency (145.4) and fourth in touchdown pass percentage (6.88).
- He also sits 10th in school history with 38 career touchdown passes, tied for 10th with 46 touchdowns responsible for and 13th with 4,076 career passing yards, 552 career pass attempts and 4,423 career total yards.
- Since 1956, Allar is the only FBS quarterback with 500+ pass attempts, 35+ passing touchdowns and 3 or less interceptions in their career.
- Before an interception on his 29th pass attempt of the Indiana game in 2023, Allar tallied 311 passing attempts without an interception to start his career. Allar's 311 pass attempts without an interception to start his career is an FBS record, bettering Baylor's Robert Griffin III's 209 attempts in 2008.
- In 2024, Allar has completed 70.9 percent of his passes for 1,101 yards and nine touchdowns, while rushing for three scores.
- He has completed 18 passes of 20+ yards this season.
- Allar ranks fifth in the nation and second in the Big Ten with a 88.8 quarterback rating (QBR).
- He leads the Big Ten in yards per completion (15.08; 9th nationally), while ranking second in the league in passing efficiency (187.6; 5th) and yards per pass attempt (10.59; 5th) and 10th in the nation in completion percentage (70.9).
- Allar has 12 career games with multiple touchdown passes, seven games with three or more touchdown passes and two games with four touchdown passes.
- He has 11 career 200-yard passing games, tied-eighth all-time at PSU, and two 300-yard passing games.
- The Ohio native owns seven career games with both a passing and rushing touchdown.
- Against West Virginia, Allar completed 11-of-17 passes for 216 yards and three touchdowns.
- All three of Allar's touchdown passes came in the second quarter, a 50-yard touchdown to **Harrison Wallace III** early in the frame, a 20-yard touchdown pass to **Kaytron Allen** and an 18-yard touchdown toss to Wallace on the final drive of the first half.
- Allar became the first Penn State quarterback to throw for three touchdowns in a quarter since Trace McSorley in 2016 against Michigan State (third quarter).
- He also connected with **Omari Evans** on a 55-yard pass, one of six completions over 15 yards on the day.
- In the first quarter, Allar went over the 3,000 career passing yards mark.
- Allar added six carries for 44 yards (7.3 ypc), including one run of 15 yards and two 10-yard runs.
- Allar was tabbed to the Davey O'Brien Award Great 8.
- Against Bowling Green, Allar threw for 204 yards on 13 completions.
- He scored on a 5-yard rush in the first quarter and connected with Evans (29 yards) and Nicholas Singleton (14 yards) on touchdown passes.
- Allar completed five passes of 20+ yards.
- Against Kent State, Allar threw for 309 yards, his second career 300-yard game, and three touchdowns, while rushing for a 5-yard score.
- He connected on touchdown passes with **Tyler Warren** (16 yards), **Liam Clifford** (14 yards) and Evans (59 yards).
- He completed five passes of 20+ yards, including four passes of 38+ yards.
- It was his fourth career game with 200+ passing yards and 3+ passing touchdowns.
- Against Illinois, Allar completed 15-of-21 passes for 135 yards.
- Allar threw for 237 yards and a touchdown, while adding a 1-yard touchdown rush vs. UCLA. He completed four passes of 20+ yards.
- He became the 13th PSU quarterback to reach 4,000 career passing yards.
- Allar in 2023 is one of two FBS quarterbacks ever, joining Tennessee's Hendon Hooker in 2022, with 25+ touchdown passes and two or fewer interceptions in a season.
- In the last 10 years, only 12 FBS players (three active) have had 2,800+ total yards and four or fewer turnovers in a season, including Allar (2023), WVU's Garrett Greene (2023), Coastal Carolina's Grayson McCall (2023), Michigan's JJ McCarthy (2023), Oregon's Bo Nix (2023), Florida State's Jordan Travis (2023), BYU's Zach Wilson (2020), Kent State's Dustin Crum (2019), Arizona State's Jayden Daniels (2019), Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa (2019), Alabama's Jalen Hurts (2017) and Memphis' Paxton Lynch (2015).
- Allar began the 2023 season with 251 pass attempts without an interception. Since 2000, his 251 pass attempts without an interception are the sixth-most to start a season, trailing only Louisiana Tech's Colby Cameron (428; 2012), Oregon's Marcus Mariota (285; 2013), Western Kentucky's Tyrrell Pigrome (278; 2020), NC State's Ryan Finley (274; 2017) and West Virginia's Geno Smith (273; 2012).
- Allar finished second in the country in touchdown-to-interception ratio (12.5-to-1).
- Quarterback **Beau Pribula** is in his third season with the Nittany Lions. He has played in 16 games at Penn State.
- Pribula has 18 completions for 251 yards and six touchdowns as a Nittany Lion, while adding 434 rushing yards and seven scores.
- He ranks 11th all-time among Penn State quarterbacks with 434 rushing yards.
- He has three games with both a passing and rushing touchdown.
- At WVU, Pribula connected on a 19-yard touchdown pass with **Tyler Warren** in the fourth quarter.
- He added three rushes for 25 yards, including runs of 11 and 12 yards.
- Against Kent State, Pribula completed six-of-nine passes for 83 yards and a touchdown, while adding 45 yards and a 1-yard score on the ground.

DREW ALLAR



ALLAR STATS

CAREER PASSING YARDS

4,076

Allar has thrown for 4,076 career passing yards, including 1,101 yards in 2024.

CAREER COMPLETION %

61.8

Allar is first in school history with a 61.8 career completion percentage.

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

38

Allar has thrown 38 passing touchdowns in his career, good for 10th all-time at PSU.

INTERCEPTION %

0.54

Allar ranks first all-time at Penn State with a 0.54 interception percentage (3 interceptions in 552 attempts).

TOUCHDOWN PASS %

6.88

Allar sits fourth all-time at Penn State with a 6.88 touchdown pass percentage (38 touchdowns in 552 attempts).



Beau Pribula

## RUNNING BACKS NOTES

- Co-offensive coordinator/running backs coach **Ja Juan Seider** has 16 years of college coaching experience, including 13 at the Power Four level.
- As a player at Florida A&M, Seider won the Doug Williams Award for National Offensive Player of the Year, Jake Gaither Award (considered the Heisman Trophy of Historically Black Colleges) and earned All-America honors after throwing for 2,622 yards and 27 touchdowns and rushing for 740 yards and 14 touchdowns in 1999.
- A loaded running back room is led by dynamic juniors **Kaytron Allen** and **Nicholas Singleton**.
- Singleton is on watch lists for the Doak Walker Award, Maxwell Award, Paul Hornung Award and Walter Camp Player of the Year Award.
- Allen was tabbed to the Doak Walker Award watch list.
- In 2023, Allen earned All-Big Ten second team (coaches) and third team (media honors), while Singleton was voted third team as a running back and honorable mention as a return specialist.
- Singleton (2,221) and Allen (2,136) are the second set of Penn State teammates to each have 2,000 career rushing yards, joining Lydell Mitchell (1969-71; 2,934 yds.) and Franco Harris (1969-71; 2,002 yds.)
- Penn State is one of five FBS teams with at least two career 2,130-yard rushers on its roster.
- Penn State is the only FBS team with two career 2,130-yard rushers who have played their whole career at one school.
- Allen and Singleton are two of 10 Big Ten players with at least 2,130 career rushing yards.
- Singleton is one of 19 FBS players with 2,200+ career rushing yards and 23+ career rushing touchdowns.
- Singleton's 5.8 career rushing average is seventh among active FBS players (2nd in Big Ten) with 380+ rushing attempts.
- Singleton's (5.8) and Allen's (5.2) career rushing averages are second and fourth, respectively, among Big Ten players with 380+ rushing attempts.
- Against Bowling Green, Singleton (119) and Allen (101) each had over 100 rushing yards, marking the second time in their career that both have gone over 100 rushing yards in the same game.
- With 3,426 career all-purpose yards, Singleton ranks 24th among active FBS players and sixth among Big Ten players.
- Singleton owns 2,221 career rushing yards, ranking 16th all-time at PSU, and 23 career rushing touchdowns, tied-16th at PSU.
- His 3,426 career all-purpose yards are good for 17th at Penn State.
- Singleton owns 20 career runs of 20+ yards, including 10 runs of 40+ yards.
- He also has 43 career receptions for 467 yards and five touchdowns.
- The PA native has seven career 100-yard rushing games and six career games with multiple rushing touchdowns.
- Singleton began his 2024 campaign by rushing for 114 yards and a touchdown on 13 carries at West Virginia.
- He averaged 8.8 yards per carry, while earning his sixth career 100-yard rushing game.
- Singleton scored on a 40-yard run in the third quarter and added another 40-yard run in the fourth quarter.
- Singleton added a 13-yard reception and 56 kick return yards to total 183 all-purpose yards.
- On a 4-yard run in the third quarter, Singleton surpassed the 3,000 career all-purpose yards mark, becoming the 21st Penn State player to reach that milestone.
- In the Bowling Green game, Singleton ran for 119 yards on 13 carries, averaging 9.2 yards per rush.
- On the day, Singleton went over 2,000 career rushing yards, becoming the 20th Penn State player to do so.
- He had two rushes of 20+ yards, including a 24-yard rush in the second quarter and a 41-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

- Singleton added a 14-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter.
- Against Kent State, Singleton rushed for 81 yards on 11 carries, averaging 7.4 yards per rush, and had a 17-yard touchdown reception.
- Singleton tallied 139 all-purpose yards against Illinois, with 94 on the ground (5.9 ypc), 25 receiving yards, and 20 kick return yards. He scored on a 4-yard run.
- Singleton ranks fifth in the nation in yards per carry (7.7; 3rd B1G), 11th in all-purpose yards per game (139.5; 2nd) and 15th in rushing yards per game (102.0; 4th), while tying-third in the nation in 40+ yard runs (3).
- Singleton is averaging 9.4 yards per carry on first down this season, good for second in the FBS (min. 30 first down carries).
- In his third season in Happy Valley, Allen has 2,136 career rushing yards, ranking 17th all-time at Penn State, 18 career rushing touchdowns and 2,463 career all-purpose yards.
- He also owns 36 career receptions for 290 yards and three scores.
- He has three career games with multiple rushing touchdowns and six career 100-yard rushing games.
- Allen hauled in a 20-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter against WVU.
- Allen finished the Bowling Green game with 101 yards on 14 carries, averaging 7.2 yards per rush.
- He had a 26-yard run on Penn State's opening drive and added a 26-yard rush in the third quarter.
- Allen gained 102 yards on 18 carries (5.7 ypc) against Illinois for his sixth career 100-yard rushing game. He scored on a 5-yard run late in the fourth quarter to seal the victory.
- He rushed for 78 yards and scored on a 1-yard run vs. UCLA.
- Redshirt freshman **Cam Wallace** made his collegiate debut at West Virginia, gaining 24 yards on nine carries, including an 11-yard rush.
- He rushed for 39 yards on nine carries and scored on a 1-yard run against Kent State.
- True freshman **Quinton Martin Jr.** has eight carries for 25 yards and three catches for 18 yards this season.
- Redshirt junior **Tyler Holworth** has played in seven career games and owns nine career carries.



Nicholas Singleton &amp; Kaytron Allen

## NICHOLAS SINGLETON



## SINGLETON STATS

## RUSHING YARDS

2,221

Singleton has rushed for 2,221 career rushing yards, ranking 16th in program history.

## RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

74.0

Singleton is averaging 74.0 rushing yards per game in his career.

## RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

23

Singleton has 23 career rushing touchdowns, tied 16th all-time at PSU.

## 100+ RUSHING YARD GAMES

7

Singleton has seven career games with 100+ rushing yards, including 119 vs. Bowling Green.

## 20+ YARD RUNS

20

Singleton has 20 career 20+ yard runs, 12 30+ yard runs, 10 40+ yard runs, four 50+ yard runs, two 60+ yard runs, two 70+ yard runs and one 80+ yard run.

# KAYTRON ALLEN



## ALLEN STATS

### RUSHING YARDS

2,136

Allen owns 2,136 career rushing yards, ranking 17th in program history.

### RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

68.9

Allen is averaging 68.9 rushing yards per game in his career.

### RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

18

Allen has 18 career rushing touchdowns.

### 100+ RUSHING YARD GAMES

6

Allen has six career 100-yard rushing games, including 101 against Bowling Green and 102 vs. Illinois.

### MULTI-TD GAMES

3

Allen has three multi-rushing touchdown games in his career.

## OFFENSIVE LINE NOTES

- Offensive line coach **Phil Trautwein** is in his fifth season at Penn State.
- He was named to the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Class of 2021 "35 Under 35" list, recognizing the top-35 football coaches under the age of 35. He was the only Big Ten coach and the only offensive line coach on the 2021 list.
- In his four seasons at Penn State, Trautwein has helped 18 offensive linemen earn All-Big Ten honors, including six in 2023.
- Last season, Olumuyiwa Fashanu was the 2023 Big Ten Rimington-Pace Offensive Lineman of the Year and a William V. Campbell Trophy Finalist.
- Fashanu was named a first-team All-American by the Associated Press, AFCA, Sporting News and the Walter Camp Football Foundation, becoming Penn State's first offensive lineman to be named a consensus All-American since Jeff Hartings in 1995.
- Fashanu (11th overall), Caedan Wallace (third round) and Hunter Nourzad (fifth round) each heard their name called in the 2024 NFL Draft, marking the first time since 1996 the Nittany Lions had three linemen drafted.
- Redshirt senior **Sal Wormley** has started 31 games in 35 appearances.
- He is on the Outland Trophy watch list and was a preseason All-America second-team selection by the Action Network.
- Redshirt senior **JB Nelson**, voted All-Big Ten honorable mention selection by the coaches and media in 2023, has appeared in 19 games, making nine starts.
- Redshirt sophomore **Olaivavega Ioane**, named All-Big Ten honorable mention selection by media in 2023, has made 10 career starts in 22 appearances.
- Ioane is on the Polynesian Player of the Year Award watch list.
- Junior **Drew Shelton** has appeared in 25 games and made 11 starts.
- Redshirt senior **Nick Dawkins** is on the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team and is a semifinalist for the Wuerffel Trophy. He has played in 31 career games, including five starts.
- Redshirt freshman **Anthony Donkoh** has made five starts.
- Redshirt junior **Nolan Rucci** made his Penn State debut in the WVU game and has played in 11 collegiate games.
- Cooper Cousins** and **Eagan Boyer** are two of 14 true freshmen who have played this season.
- Penn State did not allow a sack against West Virginia.
- The Nittany Lions gained 457 yards, averaging 7.6 yards per play, and 222 rushing yards.
- PSU had eight runs of 10+ yards vs. WVU, including a pair of 40-yard runs (one for a touchdown) by **Nicholas Singleton**.
- Against Bowling Green, Singleton (119) and **Kaytron Allen** (101) rushed for 100 yards in the same game for the second time in their careers.
- The offensive line helped PSU to set school records with 718 total yards and 40 first downs against Kent State.
- PSU notched 409 passing yards and 309 rushing yards against the Golden Flashes, while posting five passes of 20+ yards.
- Penn State had 239 rushing yards and averaged 5.4 yards per carry vs. Illinois, while scoring three rushing touchdowns.



Sal Wormley

## WINNINGEST PROGRAMS

In its 138th season of varsity football, Penn State has posted 935 victories to rank No. 7 in the nation. The Lions' success is not solely due to longevity though, as Penn State also ranks in the top 10 in all-time winning percentage.

As of October 6, 2024

### TOTAL VICTORIES

1. Michigan (145)	Big Ten	1,008
2. Alabama (131)	SEC	969
Ohio State (135)	Big Ten	969
4. Texas (132)	SEC	953
5. Notre Dame (136)	Independent	952
6. Oklahoma (128)	SEC	948
7. <b>PENN STATE (138)</b>	<b>Big Ten</b>	<b>935</b>
8. Nebraska (135)	Big Ten	922
9. Georgia (129)	SEC	885
10. Tennessee (128)	SEC	880

### WINNING PERCENTAGE (YEARS - MIN. 25 IN DI)

1. Alabama (131)	SEC	.734
Michigan (145)	Big Ten	.734
Ohio State (135)	Big Ten	.735
4. Notre Dame (136)	Independent	.730
5. Oklahoma (128)	SEC	.726
6. Boise State (57)	Mountain West	.725
7. Texas (132)	SEC	.704
8. USC (135)	Big Ten	.695
9. <b>PENN STATE (138)</b>	<b>Big Ten</b>	<b>.690</b>
10. Nebraska (135)	Big Ten	.679

### ALL-TIME AP POLL RANKINGS (Weeks Ranked)

1. Ohio State	Big Ten	989
2. Michigan	Big Ten	926
3. Oklahoma	SEC	905
4. Alabama	SEC	880
Notre Dame	Independent	880
6. USC	Big Ten	819
7. Texas	SEC	780
8. Nebraska	Big Ten	732
9. <b>PENN STATE</b>	<b>Big Ten</b>	<b>702</b>
10. LSU	SEC	672

### WINNING WAYS

- Penn State is 79-27 over the past nine seasons (2016-24), ranking eighth in FBS and third-best among Big Ten members (Ohio State, 94-13; Michigan, 83-24).
- Dating back to 2015, Penn State has won 55 of its last 65 home games.
- Penn State's 175-71 record over the last 20 seasons (2005-24) ranks 11th in FBS and fourth in the Big Ten (Ohio State, 216-35; Oregon, 188-62; Wisconsin, 180-72).
- Head coach **James Franklin** guided his teams to a winning record each of his first eight seasons (2 at Vanderbilt, 6 at Penn State).
- Since 2016, Franklin's 74.5 percent (79-27) winning percentage ranks fourth among current FBS coaches.

## WELCOME TO THE GAME

### Collegiate Debut (25):

- at West Virginia (8/31): OL Alex Birchmeier, OL Cooper Cousins, WR Tyler Johnson, S Dejuan Lane, DE Jordan Mayer, TE Luke Reynolds, TE Joey Schlaffer, RB Cam Wallace
- Kent State (9/21): K Ryan Barker, CB Antoine Belgrave-Shorter, OL Eagan Boyer, LB Ben Chizmar, RB Amiel Davis, WR Tyseer Denmark, DT Xavier Gilliam, DE Max Granville, DE Jaylen Harvey, RB Quinton Martin Jr., CB Jon Mitchell, DT Joseph Mupoyi, LB Jackson Pryts, LB Anthony Speca, S Vaboue Toure, CB Kenny Woseley Jr., LB Winston Yates

### Penn State Debut (31):

- at West Virginia (8/31): Birchmeier, Cousins, WR Julian Fleming, DT Alonzo Ford Jr., CB A.J. Harris, Johnson, CB Jalen Kimber, Lane, Mayer, Reynolds, OL Nolan Rucci, Schlaffer, WR Jake Spencer, Wallace
- Kent State (9/21): Barker, Belgrave-Shorter, Boyer, Chizmar, Davis, Denmark, Gilliam, Granville, Harvey, Martin Jr., Mitchell, Mupoyi, Pryts, Speca, Toure, Woseley Jr., Yates

### True Freshmen (14):

- at West Virginia (8/31): Cousins, Lane, Reynolds
- Kent State (9/21): Belgrave-Shorter, Boyer, Denmark, Gilliam, Granville, Harvey, Martin Jr., Mitchell, Speca, Toure, Woseley Jr.

### First Collegiate Start (12):

- at West Virginia (8/31): OL Nick Dawkins, OL Anthony Donkoh, CB A.J. Harris, TE Andrew Rappleyea, LB Tony Rojas, S Zakee Wheatley
- Bowling Green (9/7): WR Omari Evans, TE Luke Reynolds
- Kent State (9/21): WR Julian Fleming, CB Elliot Washington II
- Illinois (9/21): LB DaKaari Nelson
- UCLA (10/5): LB Dominic DeLuca, TE Khalil Dinkins

### First Start at Penn State (14):

- at West Virginia (8/31): Dawkins, Donkoh, Harris, CB Jalen Kimber, Rappleyea, Rojas, Wheatley
- Bowling Green (9/7): Evans, Reynolds
- Kent State (9/21): Fleming, Washington
- Illinois (9/21): Nelson
- UCLA (10/5): DeLuca, Dinkins



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- The Nittany Lions had 32 players selected as Academic All-Big Ten in Fall 2023.
Olumuyiwa Fashanu was a finalist for the Campbell Trophy, known as the "Academic Heisman", and an National Football Foundation (NFF) Scholar-Athlete.
In 2023, Penn State posted a program-record 93% graduation success rate.
In 2019, punter Blake Gillikin took home CoSIDA Academic All-America first-team honors...

DEGREES ON THE WALL

- Entering the 2024 season, 10 Nittany Lions have earned a collegiate degree.
Hakeem Beamon graduated in August 2024 with his bachelor's degree in rehabilitation & human services.
Tyler Elsdon earned his bachelor's degree in biobehavioral health in August 2024.
Mitchell Groh graduated in August 2024 with his bachelor's degree in corporate innovation & entrepreneurship.
Gabriel Nwosu collected his bachelor's degree in supply chain & information systems in Summer 2024.
Nick Dawkins graduated with his bachelor's degree in recreation, parks and tourism management in December 2023.
Tyler Warren earned his bachelor's degree in advertising/public relations in December 2023.
Sal Wormley graduated in December 2023 with his bachelor's degree in journalism.
Smith Vilbert graduated in August 2023 with his bachelor's degree in telecommunications and media studies.
Dvon J-Thomas earned his bachelor's degree in telecommunications in Spring 2023.
Julian Fleming earned his degree in human development and family studies from Ohio State in December 2023.

PRONUNCIATIONS

Table with 2 columns: Name and Pronunciation. Includes Drew Allar, Kaleb Artis, Alex Birchmeier, Henry Boehme, Audavion Collins, Amiel Davis, Tyseer Denmark, Dani Dennis-Sutton, Matt Detisch, Andrew Dufault, Khalil Dinkins, Anthony Donkoh, Jason Estrella, Mehki Flowers, Finn Furmanek, Jashaun Green, Ethan Grunkemeyer, Olaivavega Ioane, Coziah Izzard, Dvon J-Thomas, Dejuan Lane, Joseph Mupoyi, DaKaari Nelson, Gabriel Nwosu, Chimdy Onoh, Beau Pribula, Jackson Pryts, Andrew Rapplelea, Ta'Mere Robinson, Nolan Rucci, Dominic Rulli, Sander Sahaydak, Joey Schlawfer, Sam Siafa, Jaxon Smolik, Blaise Sokach-Minnick, Vaboue Toure, Amin Vanover, Zakee Wheatley, J'Ven Williams, Mylachi Williams, Keon Wylie.

WIDE RECEIVER NOTES

- Offensive recruiting coordinator/wide receivers coach Marques Hagans is in his second season on the Penn State staff.
Hagans joined the Penn State staff after serving as the associate head coach/wide receivers coach at Virginia for the previous 11 years.
During his time at Virginia, Hagans coached 10 of the top 15 career receptions leaders in program history.
Hagans was a four-year letterman at Virginia from 2002-05 and currently sits No. 10 all-time in passing yards with 4,877.
He was selected, as a receiver, in the fifth round (144th overall) of the 2006 NFL Draft by the St. Louis Rams.
Redshirt junior Harrison Wallace III has appeared in 29 career games, making 11 starts, as a Nittany Lion.
He owns 52 catches for 731 yards (14.1 average) and four touchdowns in his PSU career with a long reception of 50 yards.
Wallace registered his first career 100-yard receiving game in the win at West Virginia, hauling in five catches for 117 yards and a career-best two touchdown receptions.
Wallace had a 50-yard touchdown in the second quarter and added an 18-yard touchdown reception right before halftime.
Wallace had a 20-yard reception vs. Illinois and a 25-yard grab vs. UCLA.
Junior Omari Evans has 19 receptions for 369 yards and four touchdowns in 29 career games.
He had two catches at West Virginia, including a 55-yard reception to setup a touchdown on the final drive of the second quarter.
Evans hauled in a 29-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter against Bowling Green.
Evans earned his first career 100-yard receiving game with four catches for 116 yards and a touchdown against Kent State.
Evans (22.0) and Wallace (16.4) are first and eighth in the Big Ten in yards per reception.
Senior Julian Fleming transferred to Penn State from Ohio State and made his PSU debut against West Virginia.
He has appeared in 44 games, including 24 starts, in his college career.
The Pennsylvania native made his first reception at Penn State against Bowling Green and had catches of 39 and 21 yards against Kent State.
Redshirt junior Liam Clifford has appeared in 30 career games, including four starts, with 29 receptions for 399 yards, one touchdown and a long reception of 57 yards.
He caught a 14-yard touchdown in the second quarter against Kent State and added a 38-yard reception in the second quarter.
Clifford earned his first career 100-yard receiving game vs. UCLA, making catches of 26, 24 and 57 yards.
Redshirt sophomore Kaden Saunders has appeared in 18 games as a Nittany Lion. He has eight career receptions for 77 yards and a touchdown.



Harrison Wallace III

COACHING STAFF POTW

The Penn State coaching staff chooses players of the week in all three phases. Here are their selections:

AUG. 31 - WEST VIRGINIA

- Offensive: Drew Allar/Harrison Wallace III
Defensive: Jaylen Reed
Special Teams: Ta'Mere Robinson
D-Squad Offensive: Will Patton/Donnie Harbour
D-Squad Defensive: Bobby Mears/Jackson Pryts
D-Squad Special Teams: Tyler Armstead

SEPT. 7 - BOWLING GREEN

- Offensive: Tyler Warren
Defensive: Zane Durant
Special Teams: Sander Sahaydak
D-Squad Offensive: Garrett Sexton/Ethan Grunkemeyer
D-Squad Defensive: Kaleb Artis/Xavier Gilliam
D-Squad Special Teams: Tyler Armstead

SEPT. 21 - KENT STATE

- Offensive: Drew Allar/Omari Evans
Defensive: Abdul Carter
Special Teams: DaKaari Nelson
D-Squad Offensive: Addison Penn/Aaron Enterline
D-Squad Defensive: Bobby Mears/Jaylen Harvey/Tyler Armstead
D-Squad Special Teams: Winston Yates

SEPT. 28 - ILLINOIS

- Offensive: Kaytron Allen/Nicholas Singleton
Defensive: Abdul Carter/Zane Durant
Special Teams: DaKaari Nelson
D-Squad Offensive: Joey Schlawfer/Logan Bahn
D-Squad Defensive: Kaleb Artis/Mylachi Williams
D-Squad Special Teams: Amiel Davis

OCT. 5 - UCLA

- Offensive: Liam Clifford
Defensive: Dani Dennis-Sutton/Zakee Wheatley
Special Teams: Ryan Barker
D-Squad Offensive: Garrett Sexton/Logan Cunningham
D-Squad Defensive: Xavier Gilliam/Jackson Pryts
D-Squad Special Teams: Karson Kiesewetter

# TYLER WARREN



## WARREN STATS

### CAREER RECEPTIONS

72

Warren has 72 career receptions, including 23 this season.

### CAREER RECEIVING YARDS

895

Warren owns 895 career receiving yards, including 289 in 2024.

### CAREER RECEIVING TDS

14

Warren ranks 14th all-time at Penn State, and third among PSU tight ends, with 14 career touchdown receptions.

### 20+ YARD RECEPTIONS

11

Warren has made 11 receptions of 20 or more yards as a Nittany Lion, including four in 2024.

### 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

2

Warren has two career games with 100+ receiving yards, recording a PSU tight end-record 146 yards against Bowling Green.

## TIGHT ENDS NOTES

- Co-offensive coordinator and tight ends coach **Ty Howle** is in his fourth season coaching the Penn State tight ends and his fifth season overall on the staff.
- He was a four-year letterwinner on the Penn State offensive line from 2009-13. He started at center and left guard and was a four-time Academic All-Big Ten selection. He was a team captain in 2013.
- Theo Johnson, selected by the New York Giants in the fourth round of the 2024 NFL Draft, was Penn State's fifth tight end drafted since 2015, tied for the third-most in the FBS.
- Senior **Tyler Warren**, a member of the Mackey Award watch list, owns 72 receptions for 895 yards and 14 touchdowns, while adding three rushing scores and a passing touchdown, in his career. Warren has 11 career receptions of 20+ yards and two career 100-yard games.
- He has 14 career touchdown receptions, good for 14th all-time at Penn State and third among PSU tight ends, trailing only Mike Gesicki (15; 2014-17) and Pat Freiermuth (16; 2018-20).
- He is ninth among PSU tight ends with 72 career receptions and 11th with 895 career receiving yards.
- Against UCLA, Warren tallied his 17th total touchdown (14 receiving, 3 rushing) to pass Freiermuth for the most total touchdowns (16) among Penn State tight ends.
- With two career 100-yard receiving games, Warren is tied-second among Penn State tight ends, trailing only Ted Kwalick (1966-68). He is tied with Mickey Shuler (2; 1975-77) and Pat Freiermuth (2; 2018-20).
- Warren is one of four FBS tight ends (only Big Ten) with 72+ receptions, 890+ receiving yards and 14+ touchdown receptions in his career.
- Among active FBS tight ends, Warren is fourth in career touchdown receptions (14; 1st in B1G), while sitting third among Big Ten tight ends in career receptions (72) and fourth in career receiving yards (895). He's also ninth among active FBS tight ends, averaging 12.4 yards per reception (minimum 72 receptions).
- Since 1956, Warren is one of eight Big Ten players, and the only tight end, with 14+ receiving touchdowns and 3+ rushing touchdowns in their career.
- He currently has a 21-game reception streak and has at least one 14-yard catch in each of his last 11 games.
- He has 23 receptions for 289 yards and three touchdowns in 2024, while adding 34 rushing yards, a rushing touchdown and a passing touchdown.
- He's one of 10 FBS players, and one of two tight ends, with a passing, rushing and receiving touchdown this season.
- Among FBS tight ends, in 2024, he ranks fourth in yards per reception (12.6; 1st B1G) among TEs with 23+ catches, fifth in receiving touchdowns (3; 1st), sixth in red zone catches (5; 2nd), seventh in receiving yards per game (57.8; 1st) and eighth in receptions (23; 2nd) and receiving yards (289; 1st).
- Warren is also second among FBS tight ends in percentage of catches for first downs (70%; 1st) among TEs with 20+ catches, fifth in 15+ yard receptions (9; 1st) and sixth in 10+ yard receptions (13; 1st).
- Against Bowling Green, Warren posted a career-high 146 yards on a career-best eight receptions.
- His 146 receiving yards are a Penn State tight end record in a game, topping Matt Kranchick's 136 yards against Wisconsin in 2003. He was Mackey Award Tight End of the Week after the BGSU game.
- Warren tallied a 16-yard touchdown reception, a 17-yard touchdown pass and a 16-yard rush against Kent State. He threw a 17-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter.
- Warren is PSU's first non-QB with a passing and receiving touchdown in the same game since KeAndre Lambert-Smith against Michigan State in 2022.
- Warren caught four passes against Illinois, while rushing for 29 yards and a 3-yard touchdown.
- He had a 5-yard touchdown grab against UCLA.
- Redshirt junior **Khalil Dinkins** has played in 26 career games, making 11 catches for 129 yards and four touchdowns.
- Dinkins caught a 13-yard touchdown pass against Kent State.

## NITTANY LIONS IN THE NFL

- A total of 46 Penn State football alumni are populating the rosters of 24 National Football League teams.
- The Nittany Lions annually are among the top 20 programs nationally in producing players in the NFL. In addition, four former Nittany Lions are members of NFL coaching staffs.
- Nine players from PSU's 2023 squad are on NFL teams.

### NITTANY LIONS ON NFL ROSTERS

*(Pro Experience in Parentheses)*

- Atlanta Falcons (1):** Arnold Ebiketie (3)
- Arizona Cardinals (4):** Dan Chisena (4), Blake Gillikin (5), Jesse Luketa (3), PJ Mustipher (1)
- Baltimore Ravens (3):** Adisa Isaac (R), Odafé Oweh (4), Jordan Stout (3)
- Buffalo Bills (5):** KJ Hamler (4), Daequan Hardy (R), Austin Johnson (8), DaQuan Jones (11), Connor McGovern (6)
- Carolina Panthers (2):** Miles Sanders (6), Nick Scott (6)
- Chicago Bears (2):** Ryan Bates<sup>IR</sup> (6), Jaquan Brisker (3)
- Cincinnati Bengals (1):** Mike Gesicki (7)
- Dallas Cowboys (2):** Amani Oruwariye (5), Micah Parsons (4)
- Detroit Lions (1):** Allen Robinson II (11)
- Green Bay Packers (3):** Sean Clifford (2), Kalen King (R), Rasheed Walker (3)
- Houston Texans (1):** Juice Scruggs (2)
- Indianapolis Colts (1):** Will Fries (4)
- Jacksonville Jaguars (2):** Brenton Strange (2), Parker Washington (2)
- Kansas City Chiefs (1):** Hunter Nourzad (R)
- Miami Dolphins (2):** Cam Brown<sup>IR</sup> (5), Chop Robinson (R)
- New England Patriots (2):** Curtis Jacobs (R), Caedan Wallace<sup>IR</sup> (R)
- New York Giants (1):** Theo Johnson (R)
- New York Jets (2):** Olumuyiwa Fashanu (R), Brandon Smith (2)
- Philadelphia Eagles (2):** Saquon Barkley (7), Jahan Dotson (3)
- Pittsburgh Steelers (2):** Pat Freiermuth (4), Joey Porter Jr. (2)
- San Francisco 49ers (3):** Ji'Ayir Brown (2), Kevin Givens (5), Yetur Gross-Matos<sup>IR</sup> (5)
- Seattle Seahawks (1):** Chris Stoll (2)
- Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1):** Chris Godwin (8)
- Washington Commanders (1):** Mitchell Tinsley (2)

*Italics indicates practice squad | <sup>C</sup> Team Captain | <sup>IR</sup> Injured Reserve*

*\*As of October 6, 2024*

### FOUR FORMER LIONS ON NFL COACHING STAFFS

Four former Nittany Lions are patrolling the sidelines as part of NFL coaching staffs in 2024.

- NaVorro Bowman (Los Angeles Chargers, Linebackers)
- Jeff Carpenter (Los Angeles Chargers, Offensive Quality Control/WRs)
- Bobby Engram (Washington, wide receivers)
- Christian Daboll (New York Giants, offensive assistant)



Khalil Dinkins

## DEFENSIVE NOTES

- **Tom Allen** enters his first season as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Penn State.
- Allen, the 2020 AFCA National Coach of the Year and Big Ten Coach of the Year, brings 32 years of coaching experience to Happy Valley after spending the last eight years at Indiana, including seven as head coach.
- Allen coached four defensive All-Americans and 35 All-Big Ten honorees at Indiana.
- Thirteen Nittany Lions on defense earned All-Big Ten honors in 2023. Among the returners are DE **Abdul Carter** (1st as LB), DE **Dani Dennis-Sutton** (3rd), DT **Zane Durant** (HM), DT **Dvon J-Thomas** (HM), LB **Kobe King** (HM), S **Jaylen Reed** (HM) and S **Kevin Winston Jr.** (HM).
- Carter, making the switch from linebacker to defensive end, has been tabbed to Preseason All-America honors by the Action Network (1st team), Associated Press (2nd), CBS (2nd), ESPN (2nd), the Athletic (2nd) and the Walter Camp Award.
- Carter is on watch lists for the Bednarik Award, Lombardi Award, Lott IMPACT Trophy, Nagurski Trophy and Walter Camp Player of the Year Award.
- Dennis-Sutton has also been tabbed to the Lott IMPACT Trophy watch list.
- J-Thomas is on the Polynesian Player of the Year Award watch list.
- King has been named to the Butkus Award watch list.
- Winston is on the Bednarik Award watch list.
- Since the start of the 2022 season, Penn State has held 23 opponents under 100 rushing yards, most in the FBS.
- Over the last three seasons, Penn State has held opponents to under a 50 completion percentage in 10 games, the nation's ninth-most in that span.
- Over the last three seasons, the Nittany Lions have allowed under 10 completions in seven games, tied second-most in the nation.
- Since the start of the 2022 season, Penn State has forced 57 turnovers (30 interceptions, 27 fumbles), tied-seventh in the nation and tied-fourth among Power Four teams.
- Penn State's 27 fumbles recovered over the last three seasons are tied third-most in the nation and are most in the Big Ten.
- Penn State has recorded three or more takeaways in 11 games over the last three seasons, second-most among FBS teams.
- Over the last three seasons, Penn State is 16-0 when forcing multiple takeaways in a game.
- Since the start of the 2022 season, Penn State is first in the nation in turnover margin, averaging a +1.03 margin (1.84 gained per game; 0.81 lost per game).
- Against West Virginia, the Nittany Lions forced three takeaways, including two fumbles and an interception.
- Reed recovered a fumble in the first quarter.
- Dennis-Sutton recovered a fumble in the fourth quarter after a strip-sack by DE **Smith Vilbert**.
- Later in the fourth quarter, CB **Elliot Washington II** recorded his first career interception.
- The Nittany Lions added a fourth-down stop and a red zone stop in the first quarter.
- Penn State limited West Virginia to 246 yards on 66 plays (3.7 yards per play).
- The Nittany Lions held the Mountaineers to 85 rushing yards and 161 passing yards.
- PSU limited WVU to 4-of-14 on third down, including 1-of-5 on third-and-short (4 or less yards).
- Winston led PSU with 12 tackles (7 solo) and added a forced fumble to earn Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week and Bednarik Award National Player of the Week honors.
- Reed added a career-high nine tackles, a tackle for loss and a career-best two pass breakups.
- The Nittany Lions held Bowling Green to six total yards in the third quarter (1 rushing, 5 passing) and 89 in the second half (27 rushing, 62 passing).
- PSU grabbed two interceptions in the fourth quarter vs. BGSU on picks by LB **Tony Rojas** and S **Zakee Wheatley**.
- Penn State held Kent State to 66 yards of offense (48 rushing, 18 passing), tied for the seventh-fewest since 1947.
- Penn State's +652 yard differential in the Kent State game (718 gained, 66 allowed) is a school record and, according to ESPN Stats & Info, is the highest in any game in the last decade and the highest against an FBS opponent in the last 20 seasons.
- The Nittany Lions held Kent State to 20 total yards in the first quarter (0 pass, 20 rush) and 40 total yards in the first half (18 pass, 22 rush).
- Penn State held Kent State to 26 yards in the second half (0 pass, 26 rush).
- The 18 passing yards allowed are the fewest allowed by Penn State under **James Franklin**.
- Penn State only allowed six first downs, the fewest since allowing five at Michigan State in 2023.
- The two passing completions allowed are the second-fewest allowed under Franklin and the lowest number of completions allowed since Army had one completion in 2015.
- Twenty-two of Kent State's 43 plays went for no gain or negative yards.
- In the Illinois game, from the 1:41 mark of the second quarter (when Illinois had the ball at the Penn State 2 yard-line) until the end of the game, the Nittany Lions held Illinois to 39 total yards.
- A missed field goal in the red zone by the Illini in the second quarter snapped a streak of 36-straight red zone scores, which was the longest in the country.
- Penn State held Illinois to 34 yards rushing, the fewest since holding Michigan State to (-35) yards rushing in 2023.
- PSU had a season-high 13 tackles for loss on Saturday, the most since recording 14 in 2023 vs. UMass, and most in a Big Ten game since 2022 at Rutgers (15).
- The Nittany Lions recorded a season-high seven sacks, which are the most since notching seven in 2023 at Michigan State.
- CB **A.J. Harris** intercepted a pass and a strip-sack by Carter was recovered by Vilbert. Both takeaways came in the fourth quarter.
- PSU forced a red-zone stop and two fourth-down stops against UCLA.
- The Nittany Lions limited UCLA to -9 total yards (5 passing, -14 rushing) on 11 plays in the third quarter.
- After the UCLA game, Penn State has allowed just 87 yards on 46 plays (1.9 yards per play) in the third quarter this season.
- Penn State has allowed 363 total yards on 127 plays (2.9 yards per play) in the second half this season, including 100 rushing yards on 64 attempts (1.56 yards per rush).
- Penn State has not allowed any points in the third quarter this season and only 17 points in the second half, ranking fourth in the nation in second half scoring defense (3.4).
- Penn State has held Big Ten opponents to less than 100 rushing yards in four-straight games and 15 of the last 16 contests.
- Penn State has three red-zone stops and five fourth-down stops this season and has forced seven takeaways (three fumbles, four interceptions).
- Through five games, Penn State ranks fourth in the nation in total defense (233.2) and rushing defense (76.2) and eighth in scoring defense (11.4).
- The Nittany Lions are also 11th in passing defense (157.0), 14th in first downs allowed (76), 19th in pass efficiency defense (110.32), 24th in tackle for loss per game (7.0) and sacks per game (2.6) and 25th in red zone defense (75.0).
- Penn State is also fourth in yards per carry (2.47) and fifth in yards per play (4.01).
- Carter is tied-second in the Big Ten with 8.0 tackles for loss this season, ranking 11th nationally, and is tied-ninth in the conference with three sacks.
- Over the last 10 seasons, PSU sits second nationally in fewest passing TDs allowed per game (1.02), third in sacks per game (3.09), QB hurries (1,004), tackles for loss percentage (11.10), total pressures generated (1,554) and sixth in fewest passing yards per attempt (6.24) and seventh in fewest rushing yards per attempt (3.41).
- Penn State's 368 sacks over the last 10 seasons (2015-24) are fourth behind Clemson (417), Alabama (400) and Pitt (375).
- Over the last 10 years, Penn State has accumulated a 8.87 percent sack percentage (368 sacks on 4,121 pass plays), which ranks second in the FBS.
- Since 2014, Penn State has held opponents to seven or less points 32 times, fifth-most among FBS teams. Twenty-three of those 32 games have been against Big Ten opponents, most among FBS teams against conference foes.
- Since 2015, Penn State has recorded 12 shutouts, tied-most among FBS teams with Alabama. PSU also has the second-most shutouts (17) in the FBS since 2007.
- The Nittany Lions lead the FBS with eight shutouts against conference opponents since 2015.
- Penn State joins Tennessee and Fresno State as the only FBS teams with shutouts in each of the last four seasons.
- Since 2014, Penn State has held opponents without a touchdown in 20 games, seventh-most among FBS teams.
- Since 2014, PSU has held an opponent under 300 total yards 63 times, tied-sixth among FBS teams.
- Since 2014, the Nittany Lions have allowed less than 200 passing yards in 76 games, sixth-most among FBS teams, and have held opponents under 100 passing yards in 23 games in that span, tied sixth-most among FBS teams.
- Since 2014, Penn State has held opponents under 100 rushing yards on 62 occasions, eighth-most among FBS teams, and have held opponents under 50 rushing yards in 24 games, sixth-most among FBS teams.
- Penn State has registered 10 or more tackles for loss 34 times since 2014, second-most among FBS teams.
- Since 2014, Penn State has collected six or more sacks in a game 19 times, most among FBS teams.
- The Nittany Lions have forced multiple takeaways in a game on 58 occasions since 2014, including three in 2024.



Dvon J-Thomas



Zane Durant

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## DEFENSIVE LINE NOTES

- **Deion Barnes** is in his second season heading the Nittany Lion defensive line corps. Barnes spent the previous three years on the Penn State staff as a graduate assistant working with the defensive line.
- Barnes was a three-year letterwinner at defensive end for Penn State from 2012-14 and was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 2012.
- He has helped coach 16 All-Big Ten defensive linemen, including five first-team selections and a second-team All-American in his first five seasons working with the Penn State defensive line.
- Junior **Abdul Carter**, an All-Big Ten first team selection in 2023, is making the transition to defensive end after spending his first two seasons at linebacker.
- Carter is on watch lists for the Bednarik Award, Lombardi Award, Lott IMPACT Trophy, Bronko Nagurski Trophy and Walter Camp Player of the Year Award.
- He was also named a Preseason All-American by the Action Network (1st team), Associated Press (2nd team), CBS (2nd team), ESPN (2nd Team), The Athletic (2nd team) and the Walter Camp Award.
- Carter owns 126 tackles (75 solo), 24 tackles for loss, 14 sacks, four forced fumbles, an interception and 11 pass breakups in his third season in Happy Valley.
- He has four career games with 2+ tackles for loss and three games with 2+ sacks.
- Carter is tied-second in the Big Ten with 8.0 tackles for loss this season, ranking 11th nationally, and is tied-ninth in the conference with three sacks.
- Carter recorded seven tackles (five solo), one tackle for loss and a pass breakup against Bowling Green.
- Against Kent State, Carter tallied four tackles (2 solo) including 1.5 tackles for loss and a sack.
- Carter was named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week after a career-high four tackles for loss and two sacks, including a strip-sack, against Illinois.
- Carter was also tabbed Senior Bowl Co-Defensive Player of the Week, Bednarik Award Player of the Week and Bronko Nagurski Trophy Player of the Week.
- He became the first Nittany Lion with four tackles for loss in a game since Yetur Gross-Matos against Iowa in 2018.
- Carter had two tackles for loss in the first half against Illinois to go over the 20 career tackles for loss mark.
- He tallied three tackles, including 1.5 for loss, vs. UCLA.
- Junior DE **Dani Dennis-Sutton**, an All-Big Ten third team selection in 2023, is on the Lott IMPACT Trophy watch list.
- Dennis-Sutton has tallied 51 tackles (33 solo), 11.5 tackles for loss, 8.5 sacks, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, an interception and five pass breakups as a Nittany Lion.
- He owns two career games with multiple tackles for loss and one game with multiple sacks.
- Dennis-Sutton recovered a fumble in the fourth quarter at West Virginia, while adding a solo tackle and a pass breakup.
- He notched a strip-sack in the first quarter against Kent State for his third career forced fumble.
- Dennis-Sutton registered a solo sack and a QB hurry against Illinois.
- Dennis-Sutton had two pass breakups and two QB hurries vs. UCLA.
- Redshirt senior+ DT **Hakeem Beamon** owns 19 career starts and 42 career appearances. Beamon has totaled 40 tackles, 10 tackles for loss, one sack and four pass breakups at Penn State.
- Beamon recorded a solo tackle for loss against Illinois.
- Redshirt senior+ DT **Dvon J-Thomas**, selected All-Big Ten honorable mention by the media in 2023, has made 17 career starts in 48 appearances, with 68 tackles (34 solo), 11 tackles for loss, two sacks, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and one pass breakup in his career.
- He owns one career game with multiple tackles for loss with a career-high 2.5 vs. UMass in 2023.
- J-Thomas is on the watch list for the Polynesian Player of the Year Award.
- He recorded four tackles (2 solo) and one tackle for loss against Bowling Green.
- Junior DT **Zane Durant**, selected All-Big Ten honorable mention by the media in 2023, has recorded 34 tackles (20 solo), 11.5 tackles for loss, 5.5 sacks and one fumble recovery in his career.
- The Florida native has two career games with multiple tackles for loss.
- Durant recorded a solo sack in the third quarter and tallied 1.5 tackles for loss at West Virginia. He had four tackles (2 solo).
- He contributed a solo tackle for loss and a pass breakup against Kent State.
- Durant collected two tackles for loss and a solo sack against Illinois for his second career game with multiple TFLs.
- He had two tackles, including a half-sack, vs. UCLA.
- Senior DE **Amin Vanover** has made 34 appearances as a Nittany Lion, tallying 33 tackles, 7.5 tackles for loss and three sacks. He owns one game with 2+ tackles for loss.
- Vanover assisted on a sack against UCLA.
- Redshirt senior+ **Smith Vilbert** has played in 24 games at Penn State, notching 5.5 tackles for loss, 4.5 sacks, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. He has one career game with multiple sacks.
- At West Virginia, Vilbert recorded a strip-sack in the fourth quarter for his first career forced fumble.
- Senior DT **Coziah Izzard** has made 40 appearances at Penn State, including seven starts. He has recorded 52 tackles (27 solo), 12.0 tackles for loss, seven sacks and two forced fumbles in his career.
- He owns two career games with multiple tackles for loss and one game with multiple sacks.
- Izzard made one tackle at West Virginia and a solo tackle for loss against BGSU.
- He tallied two tackles and a half-tackle for loss against Illinois.
- Redshirt senior DT **Alonzo Ford Jr.** has played in 29 collegiate games, registering 79 tackles, 7.5 tackles for loss, four sacks, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.
- He has two games with multiple tackles for loss and one game with multiple sacks, all while playing at Old Dominion.
- Ford tied a career high with seven tackles against UCLA.

## DANI DENNIS-SUTTON



### DENNIS-SUTTON STATS

#### CAREER TACKLES

51

Dennis-Sutton owns 51 career tackles.

#### CAREER SOLO TACKLES

33

Thirty-three of Dennis-Sutton's 51 career tackles are solo stops.

#### CAREER TFL

11.5

Dennis-Sutton has recorded 11.5 career tackles for loss.

#### CAREER SACKS

8.5

Dennis-Sutton has notched 8.5 career sacks.

#### FORCED FUMBLES

3

Dennis-Sutton has three forced fumbles as a Nittany Lion.

## ASSISTANT COACHES



**Tom Allen**  
Defensive Coord./  
Linebackers  
Booth



**Andy Kotelnicki**  
Offensive  
Coordinator  
Booth  
Andy Co-TILL-nicki



**Justin Lustig**  
Special Teams  
Coord./Outside LB/  
Nickels  
Field



**Deion Barnes**  
Defensive Line  
Field



**Marques Hagans**  
Wide Receivers  
Field  
Marcus HAY-ginns



**Ty Howle**  
Co-Offensive Coord./  
Tight Ends  
Field  
Ty Howl



**Anthony Poindexter**  
Co-Defensive  
Coordinator/Safeties  
Booth



**Ja/Juan Seider**  
Co-Offensive Coord./  
Running Backs  
Field  
JAY-juan cider



**Terry M. Smith**  
Assoc. Head Coach/  
Cornerbacks  
Field



**Phil Trautwein**  
Offensive Line  
Field  
Phil trout-wine

# ABDUL CARTER



## CARTER STATS

### CAREER TACKLES

126

Carter has 126 career tackles.

### CAREER SOLO TACKLES

75

Seventy-five of Carter's 126 career tackles are solo stops.

### CAREER TFL

24.0

Carter has collected 24.0 career tackles for loss, including eight this season.

### CAREER SACKS

14

Carter has tallied 14 career sacks, including three this season.

### FORCED FUMBLES

4

Carter has four forced fumbles as a Nittany Lion.

### PASS BREAKUPS

11

Carter has 11 pass breakups as a Nittany Lion.

## CORNERBACKS NOTES

- **Terry M. Smith** is in his 11th season as Penn State's cornerbacks coach. He is also the program's associate head coach and defensive recruiting coordinator.
- Smith has tutored a secondary which has seen 14 defensive backs taken in the NFL Draft since 2015, tied with LSU for the second-most in the nation, behind only Alabama (18).
- Daequan Hardy (sixth round, Buffalo Bills) and Kalen King (seventh round, Green Bay Packers) were selected in the 2024 NFL Draft.
- It marked the third-straight year PSU had multiple defensive backs drafted.
- Joey Porter Jr. was selected 32nd overall by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 2023 NFL Draft.
- Smith was a four-year letterwinner (1988-91) and three-year starter at wide receiver at Penn State. He ranks tied for 10th in career receiving touchdowns (15), 13th in career receiving yardage (1,825) and 14th in career receptions (108).
- Junior **Cam Miller** has totaled 41 tackles, five tackles for loss, four sacks, an interception and three pass breakups in 29 games at PSU.
- He recorded three tackles at West Virginia and five stops against Bowling Green. He also had a sack against Illinois.
- Redshirt senior **Jalen Kimber** transferred to Penn State from Florida. He has appeared in 30 career games, making 15 starts.
- He owns 47 tackles (34 solo), one fumble recovery, one interception and seven pass breakups in his career.
- Kimber notched three tackles and a pass breakup at WVU, while making his first start at Penn State.
- He made two tackles against Kent State.
- According to PFF, Kimber is allowing a 46.7 completion percentage when targeted this season (15 targets).
- Sophomore **AJ Harris** transferred to Penn State from Georgia.
- Harris made his first collegiate start against West Virginia, recording three tackles and a pass breakup.
- The Alabama native secured three tackles against Bowling Green.
- He has 24 tackles, including 10 solo, one interception and two pass breakups in his career.
- Harris recorded his first career interception in the fourth quarter against Illinois, while adding four tackles and a pass breakup.
- He had a career-best five tackles (4 solo) against UCLA.
- According to PFF, Harris is allowing a 50.0 completion percentage when targeted this season (14 targets).
- Redshirt sophomore **Audavion Collins** has played in 10 games at Penn State and had two tackles vs. UCLA.
- Sophomore **Zion Tracy** has played in 18 games, making 19 tackles, including 14 solo.
- He had one tackle at WVU and two against UCLA.
- Sophomore **Elliot Washington II** has appeared in 15 games, registering 13 tackles (eight solo), one tackle for loss, one interception and two pass breakups.
- Washington recorded his first career interception in the fourth quarter against West Virginia. He added one solo tackle against the Mountaineers.
- The Florida native broke up a pass against Bowling Green and made his first career start against Kent State.
- According to PFF, Washington is allowing a 28.6 completion percentage when targeted this season (7 targets).



Cam Miller

# KOBE KING



## KING STATS

### CAREER TACKLES

126

King owns 126 career tackles.

### CAREER SOLO TACKLES

72

Seventy-two of King's 126 career tackles are solo stops.

### CAREER TFL

12.0

King has notched 12.0 career tackles for loss.

### CAREER SACKS

2.5

King has tallied 2.5 career sacks.

### FORCED RECOVERIES

2

King has two fumble recoveries as a Nittany Lion.

### PASS BREAKUPS

3

King has three pass breakups as a Nittany Lion.

LINEBACKERS NOTES

- Redshirt junior **Kobe King**, voted All-Big Ten honorable mention by the coaches and media in 2023, leads the linebacker unit. He has played in 33 games and started 14 at Penn State. He was voted a captain for the 2024 season.
- King was named to the Butkus Award watch list in the preseason.
- He owns 126 tackles (72 solo), 12 tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks, two fumble recoveries and three pass breakups as a Nittany Lion.
- He has one career game with 10+ tackles, registering 10 against Rutgers in 2023, and two games with 2+ tackles for loss.
- King recorded seven stops against Bowling Green.
- The Detroit native notched seven tackles (4 solo) against Illinois. He tallied 1.5 tackles for loss and a solo sack.
- King had five tackles and a half-tackle for loss vs. UCLA.
- Redshirt junior **Dominic DeLuca** has appeared in 33 career games. He joined the team as a run-on in Spring 2021 and earned a scholarship at the conclusion of the 2022 season.
- DeLuca has tallied 65 tackles (37 solo), seven tackles for loss, two sacks, two forced fumbles, two interceptions, four pass breakups and two blocked punts in his career.
- He registered five tackles, all in the first half, against WVU.
- Sophomore **Tony Rojas** has made five career starts and has appeared in all 18 games in his first two years in Happy Valley.
- As a Nittany Lion, he has tallied 45 tackles (22 solo), seven tackles for loss, a forced fumble, two interceptions and a pass breakup.
- Rojas notched 1.5 tackles for loss at WVU, tying his career high. He finished the game with five tackles (2 solo) in his first career start.
- The sophomore made his second career interception in the fourth quarter against Bowling Green, while notching five tackles and a pass breakup.
- Against Illinois, he collected four tackles, including a career high-tying 1.5 tackles for loss, and a half-sack.
- Rojas tallied a career-best eight tackles (5 solo), including six stops in the first half, and a solo tackle for loss vs. UCLA.
- Senior **Tyler Elsdon** has played in 44 career games, owning 91 tackles (56 solo), four tackles for loss, one sack, two fumble recoveries and five pass breakups.
- Elsdon made four stops against the Mountaineers and tallied three tackles and a pass breakup against BGSU.
- He recorded five tackles against UCLA.
- Redshirt sophomore **Keon Wylie** has appeared in 16 games with 19 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks. He has one career game with 2+ tackles for loss.
- Redshirt freshman **Ta'Mere Robinson** had two tackles at WVU.
- Robinson contributed three tackles and a solo tackle for loss against Kent State.
- He had a solo tackle against Illinois.
- True freshman **Anthony Speca** made his debut against Kent State and led the team with five tackles (2 solo) while adding a QB hurry.
- Redshirt freshman **Dakaari Nelson** made his first career start against Illinois, assisting on one tackle.
- Penn State has 71 linebackers drafted all-time, the most for any school.



Tony Rojas

SAFETIES NOTES

- Co-Defensive coordinator/safeties coach **Anthony Poindexter** is in his fourth season on the Nittany Lion coaching staff.
- Poindexter has 20 years of collegiate coaching experience, including seven as a defensive or co-defensive coordinator.
- As a player, Poindexter, a two-time consensus All-American at Virginia and was chosen as the 1998 ACC Defensive Player of the Year.
- Poindexter was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2020.
- Senior **Jaylen Reed**, an All-Big Ten honorable mention selection in 2023, has played in 39 contests and started 18 games. He has tallied 116 tackles (74 solo), nine tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery, two interceptions and six pass breakups at PSU.
- At WVU, Reed made plays all over the field, collecting nine tackles (3 solo), a solo tackle for loss, a fumble recovery and two pass breakups.
- Reed notched his first career fumble recovery in the first quarter and had a career-best two pass breakups.
- He made a career-high 10 tackles (4 solo) against Bowling Green while surpassing the 100 career tackles mark.
- Reed collected a team-high eight tackles (6 solo) against Illinois.
- He recorded a strip-sack in the third quarter against UCLA, notching his first career forced fumble.
- Junior **Kevin Winston Jr.**, voted All-Big Ten honorable mention by the coaches and media, has seen playing time in 27 games in his first three years in Happy Valley. He was voted a captain for the 2024 season.
- He is a member of the Bednarik Award Watch List.
- Winston has 90 tackles (53 solo), 3.5 tackles for loss, one forced fumble, two fumble recoveries, one interception and five pass breakups as a Nittany Lion.
- Against West Virginia, Winston tied a career high with 12 tackles (7 solo) and earned his third career game with 10+ tackles. Eight of his 12 stops came in the first half.
- The junior registered his first career forced fumble in the first quarter and added a solo tackle for loss.
- Winston earned Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week and Bednarik Award National Player of the Week honors.
- Redshirt junior **Zakee Wheatley** has played in 35 career games, making five starts, collecting 76 tackles (48 solo), two tackles for loss, three interceptions, one forced fumble and three pass breakups.
- According to PFF, Wheatley is allowing a 50.0 completion percentage when targeted his season (12 targets).
- He tallied four tackles (3 solo) and a half-tackle for loss at WVU, his first career start.
- Wheatley picked off a pass in the fourth quarter against BGSU and finished the game with six tackles, tying a career high.
- He had five tackles (3 solo) against Illinois.
- Wheatley made a career-high seven stops (3 solo) and added a solo tackle for loss.
- **Dejuan Lane** and **Vaboue Toure** have seen time as true freshmen this season.
- Lane made two tackles against Kent State and four tackles against UCLA.
- Toure tallied five tackles against UCLA.



Zakee Wheatley

JAYLEN REED



REED STATS

CAREER TACKLES

116

Reed has recorded 116 tackles as a Nittany Lion, including 33 stops in 2024.

CAREER SOLO TACKLES

74

Seventy-four of Reed's 116 tackles are solo stops.

CAREER TACKLES FOR LOSS

9

Reed has collected 9 tackles for loss in his career.

CAREER FUMBLE RECOVERIES

1

Reed recorded one career fumble recovery.

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

2

Reed has registered two interceptions in his PSU career.

## LETTERMEN MAKING THEIR RETURN

- Sixteen members of the Penn State coaching staff, support staff and athletic department played at Penn State.
- Associate head coach/cornerbacks coach **Terry M. Smith** was a three-year starter at wide receiver from 1989-91.
- Co-offensive coordinator and tight Ends Coach **Ty Howle** was a four-year letterwinner on the Penn State offensive line from 2009-13. He played in 47 career games, making 13 starts.
- Defensive line coach **Deion Barnes** made 31 starts as a Nittany Lion from 2012-14. In 2014, Barnes tallied 12.5 tackles for loss and six sacks. He led PSU with 10 tackles for loss and six sacks in 2012 to earn consensus freshman All-American honors.
- Defensive graduate assistant **Torrence Brown** was a three-year letterman on the defensive line for the Nittany Lions (2015-17). He appeared in 30 career games, making seven starts.
- Defensive graduate assistant **Jordan Lucas** was a reliable member of the defensive backfield during his Penn State career, appearing in 46 games (2012-15).
- Defensive analyst **Dan Connor** was a two-time first-team All-America linebacker for Penn State in 2006 and 2007, the 14th Nittany Lion to be named a two-time first-team All-American. He finished his career as Penn State's all-time leader with 419 tackles.
- Director of performance science **Andrew Nelson** was a four-year letterwinner on the offensive line for Penn State (2014-17) and appeared in 33 games, making 28 starts.
- Assistant director of performance enhancement **Tyrone Smith** was a defensive tackle for Penn State and lettered during the 2014 season.
- Director of life skills **Jordan Hill** lettered at Penn State from 2009-12 and finished his Penn State career with 171 total tackles, including 9.5 sacks. He posted a 64-tackle, 4.5-sack season his senior year and was named first-team All-Big Ten for his efforts in 2012.
- Recruiting coordinator **Alan Zemaitis** was a three-time All-Big Ten selection for the blue and white from 2002-05. Zemaitis sits tied fifth all-time at Penn State with 12 career interceptions. He also holds fifth all-time at Penn State with 46 passes defended. Zemaitis helped the Nittany Lions to a Big Ten Championship in 2005.
- Director of Football Academic Services **Todd Kulka** lettered as a linebacker and graduated in 1995. He helped Penn State to a 9-3 record and an Outback Bowl victory in 1995.
- Director of the Football Letterman's Club **Wally Richardson** was a four-year letterman as a quarterback in 1992 and 1994-96. Richardson ranks 12th all-time at Penn State with 4,419 career passing yards. He also sits eighth all-time with 378 completions and 12th all-time with 27 touchdown passes.
- Assistant athletic director for the brand academy **Omar Easy** lettered for the Nittany Lions from 1999 to 2001 and spent time in the NFL with the Kansas City Chiefs and Oakland Raiders.
- Associate director of development **Michael Mauti** was a four-year letterwinner for the Nittany Lions and the Big Ten Linebacker of the Year and a first-team All-American in 2012.
- Assistant AD for Premium Seating **Bobby White** was Co-Captain of the 1986 National Championship Penn State Football team.
- Assistant director of high performance **Dan Vasey** was a defensive end with the Nittany Lions (2017-21).

## SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- **Justin Lustig** is in his first season as Penn State's special teams coordinator/outside linebackers/nickels coach.
- A 2022 Broyles Award nominee, Lustig served the last three seasons at Vanderbilt. In 2023, Vanderbilt was one of 20 programs in the country to block multiple punts and finished 11th nationally in net punting.
- According to Coaches By The Numbers, since 2019, Penn State's kick return defense ranks second in the nation in percentage of kickoffs returned inside the 25 (74.0; 2nd in B1G), fifth in the nation in touchback percentage (70.9; 1st), fifth in the nation in percentage of kickoffs returned (17.8; 1st) and 14th in average opponent field position (25.4; 6th).
- Since 2019, Penn State's punt return defense is ranked fifth in the country in punts inside the 10 (16.7 percent; 5th in B1G), eighth in punts inside the 20 (41.7; 3rd) and sixth in net punting (41.6; 2nd).
- Since 2017, Penn State has scored nine special teams touchdowns (four kick return, five punt return), ranking second in the Big Ten, and is one of three FBS schools that has not allowed a special teams touchdown since the start of the 2019 season (66-straight games).
- Redshirt junior **Sander Sahaydak** drilled a career-long 43-yard field goal and added a 28-yard kick against Bowling Green, while converting all four PATs.
- Sahaydak made all seven PATs against Kent State and two against Illinois. He is 17-of-17 this season.
- Redshirt freshman **Ryan Barker** converted a 25-yard field goal, his first career field goal, while adding a 40-yard field goal and three extra-point attempts against UCLA.
- Barker is five-of-five on extra-point attempts this season.
- Junior P **Riley Thompson**, selected All-Big Ten honorable mention by the coaches and media in 2023, is on the Ray Guy Award watch list.
- Thompson has placed 47 career punts inside the 20 and 15 punts inside the 10, while blasting 31 punts of 50+ yards in his career.
- His 45.1 punt average at Penn State ranks first all-time at PSU (minimum 50 punts).
- Thompson averaged 44.0 yards per punt on four boots against WVU. He landed a 46-yard punt at the WVU 11 in the third quarter.
- He averaged 47.0 yards per punt on four kicks against Bowling Green. Thompson blasted a 56-yard punt and landed two punts inside the 20.
- He was named Ray Guy Award Punter of the Week following the BGSU game.
- Thompson hit a 48-yard punt to the Illinois 10 in the second quarter.
- KR **Nicholas Singleton**, an All-Big Ten honorable mention honoree as a return specialist, is averaging 23.8 yards per kick return in his career, 11th all-time at Penn State, with one touchdown.
- Singleton is on the Paul Hornung Award watch list for the most versatile player in the country.
- He had three returns for 56 yards against WVU.
- Freshman KR **Quinton Martin Jr.** had a 27-yard kick return against UCLA.
- Redshirt junior SN **Tyler Duzansky** has appeared in 25 career games.
- Duzansky is a member of the Patrick Mannelly Award watch list.
- He led FBS long snappers with six tackles in 2023.
- Redshirt junior P **Gabriel Nwosu** landed two kickoffs for touchbacks at WVU.
- Nwosu blasted four touchbacks against BGSU and five against Kent State.
- LB **Dominic DeLuca** has been voted as a captain for the second-straight year and was awarded No. 0 as the team's special teams leader.
- Redshirt freshman LB **Ta'Mere Robinson** had two tackles on kickoff returns against West Virginia.

## RILEY THOMPSON



## THOMPSON STATS

## PUNT AVERAGE

45.2

Thompson has a 45.2 career punt average, totaling 5,654 yards on 125 punts.

## INSIDE THE 20

47

Thompson has dropped 47 career punts inside the 20.

## INSIDE THE 10

15

Thompson has landed 15 career punts inside the 10.

## 50+ YARD PUNTS

31

Thompson has blasted 31 punts of 50+ yards in his career.

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## NUMERICAL ROSTER (0-44)

NO.	NAME	POS.	EL.	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL/COACH	HOMETOWN
0	DeLuca, Dominic**	LB	R-Jr.	6-1	230	Wyoming Area/Randy Spencer	West Pittston, Pa.
1	Reed, Jaylen***	S	Sr.	6-0	212	Martin Luther King Jr./Tyronne Spencer	Detroit, Mich.
2	Clifford, Liam**	WR	R-Jr.	6-1	208	St. Xavier/Steve Specht	Maineville, Ohio
2	Winston Jr., Kevin**	S	Jr.	6-2	208	DeMatha Catholic/Bill McGregor	Columbia, Md.
3	Fleming, Julian	WR	Sr.	6-2	208	Southern Columbia/Jim Roth/Ohio State	Catawissa, Pa.
3	Kimber, Jalen	CB	R-Sr.	6-0	184	Mansfield Timberview/James Brown/Florida/Georgia	Merrillville, Ind.
4	Denmark, Tyseer	WR	Fr.	5-10	187	Imhotep Charter/Devon Johnson	Philadelphia, Pa.
4	Harris, A.J.	CB	So.	6-1	193	Central/Patrick Nix/Georgia	Phenix City, Ala.
5	Evans, Omari**	WR	Jr.	6-0	188	Shoemaker/Toby Foreman	Killeen, Texas
5	Miller, Cam**	CB	Jr.	6-0	184	Trinity Christian Academy/Verlon Dorminey	Fernandina Beach, Fla.
6	Wallace III, Harrison**	WR	R-Jr.	6-1	198	Pike Road/Patrick Browning	Montgomery, Ala.
6	Wheatley, Zakee**	S	R-Jr.	6-2	200	Archbishop Spalding/Kyle Schmitt	Crofton, Md.
7	Saunders, Kaden*	WR	R-So.	5-10	182	Westerville South/Matthew Christ	Columbus, Ohio
7	Tracy, Zion*	CB	So.	5-11	181	St. Thomas More (Conn.)/Ernest Anderson	Hempstead, N.Y.
8	Nelson, DaKaari	LB	R-Fr.	6-3	222	Selma/Willie Gandy	Livingston, Ala.
9	Pribula, Beau*	QB	R-So.	6-2	206	Central York/Gerry Yonchiuk	York, Pa.
9	Washington II, Elliot*	CB	So.	5-11	194	Venice/John Peacock	Venice, Fla.
10	Lane, Dejuan	S	Fr.	6-2	211	Gilman School/Scott Van Zile	Jessup, Md.
10	Singleton, Nicholas**	RB	Jr.	6-0	226	Governor Mifflin/Jeff Lang	Shillington, Pa.
11	Carter, Abdul**	DE	Jr.	6-3	252	La Salle College High School/John Steinmetz	Philadelphia, Pa.
11	Johnson, Tyler	WR	R-So.	6-0	188	Magna Vista/Joe Favero	Martinsville, Va.
12	Ivey, Anthony	WR	R-So.	5-11	187	Manheim Township/Mark Evans	Lancaster, Pa.
12	Mitchell, Jon	CB	Fr.	5-11	195	Mandarin/Toby Bullock	Jacksonville, Fla.
13	Allen, Kaytron**	RB	Jr.	5-11	220	IMG Academy (Fla.)/Pepper Johnson	Norfolk, Va.
13	Rojas, Tony*	LB	So.	6-2	236	Fairfax/Trey Taylor	Fairfax, Va.
14	Mills, Tyrece	S	R-Sr.	6-1	203	Northeast/Troy Gore/Lackawanna College	Philadelphia, Pa.
14	Smolik, Jaxon	QB	R-Fr.	6-1	201	Dowling Catholic/Tom Wilson	Van Meter, Iowa
15	Allar, Drew**	QB	Jr.	6-5	235	Medina/Larry Laird	Medina, Ohio
15	Vanover, Amin**	DE	Sr.	6-4	258	St. Joseph's/Augie Hoffman	Newark, N.J.
16	Dinkins, Khalil*	TE	R-Jr.	6-4	252	North Allegheny/Art Walker	Wexford, Pa.
17	Grunkemeyer, Ethan	QB	Fr.	6-2	203	Olentangy/Wade Bartholomew	Lewis Center, Ohio
17	Woseley Jr., Kenny	CB	Fr.	5-10	176	Imhotep Charter/Devon Johnson	Philadelphia, Pa.
18	Granville, Max	DE	Fr.	6-3	229	Fort Bend Christian Academy/Jordan Black	Sugar Land, Texas
18	Schlaffer, Joey	TE	R-Fr.	6-5	240	Exeter Township/Matt Bauer	Reading, Pa.
19	Brown, Josiah	WR	Fr.	5-11	176	Malverne/Kito Lockwood	Malverne, N.Y.
19	Lambert, Jack	QB	R-Fr.	6-3	208	Topsail/Jack Teachey	Hampstead, N.C.
20	Williams, Mylachi	DE	Fr.	6-3	243	Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast Catholic/Jack Muldoon	Philadelphia, Pa.
21	Toure, Vaboue	S	Fr.	6-1	212	Irvington/Smoke Pierre	Pleasantville, N.J.
23	Belgrave-Shorter, Antoine	CB	Fr.	6-0	195	Mandarin/Toby Bullock	Jacksonville, Fla.
24	Robinson, Ta'Mere	LB	R-Fr.	6-3	223	Brashear/Andrew Moore	Pittsburgh, Pa.
24	Smith, Corey	RB	Fr.	5-10	189	Catholic Memorial/Bill Young	Milwaukee, Wis.
25	Martin Jr., Quinton	RB	Fr.	6-1	205	Belle Vernon/Matt Humbert	Belle Vernon, Pa.
26	Wallace, Cam	RB	R-Fr.	5-9	200	Montgomery County/Don Vandygriff	Mount Vernon, Ga.
27	Payne Jr., Lamont	S	R-Fr.	6-0	192	Chartiers Valley/Aaron Fitzpatrick	Carnegie, Pa.
28	Durant, Zane**	DT	Jr.	6-1	288	Lake Nona/Anthony Paradiso	Lake Nona, Fla.
28	Kiesewetter, Karson	S	R-Fr.	5-10	198	Bishop Guilfoyle/Justin Wheeler	Altونا, Pa.
29	Collins, Audavion	CB	R-So.	5-11	180	Newton/Camiel Grant/Mississippi State	Covington, Ga.
30	Davis, Amiel	RB	R-Jr.	6-0	214	Eastern Regional/John Doherty/Marist College	Voorhees, N.J.
30	Jackson, Kari	LB	Fr.	6-1	238	West Bloomfield/Zach Hilbers	West Bloomfield, Mich.
31	Cunningham, Logan	WR	R-So.	5-8	189	Belle Vernon/Matt Humbert/Marietta College	Belle Vernon, Pa.
31	Dinkins, Kolin*	S	R-So.	6-2	203	North Allegheny/Art Walker	Wexford, Pa.
32	Wylie, Keon*	LB	R-So.	6-2	225	Imhotep Charter/Devon Johnson	Philadelphia, Pa.
33	Dennis-Sutton, Dani**	DE	Jr.	6-5	266	McDonogh School (Md.)/Hakeem Sule	Millsboro, Del.
34	Holzworth, Tyler	RB	R-Jr.	6-0	219	Delaware Valley Regional/Keith Olsommer/Delaware Valley	Milford, N.J.
35	Armstead, Tyler	CB	Fr.	6-1	167	Canon-McMillan/Mike Evans	Canonsburg, Pa.
35	Sokach-Minnick, Blaise	LS	R-So.	6-3	220	Wyoming Area/Randy Spencer	West Pittston, Pa.
36	Fisher, Zuriah**	DE	R-Sr.	6-3	258	Aliquippa/ Mike Warfield	Aliquippa, Pa.
37	Dee, Beckham	LB	Fr.	6-1	229	Mount Lebanon/Mike Collodi	Pittsburgh, Pa.
38	Yates, Winston	LB	R-Fr.	6-2	226	Paul VI/Steve Scuderi	Moorestown, N.J.
39	Blanding, Ty	DT	R-Fr.	6-1	292	Christ the King/Jason Brown	Bronx, N.Y.
39	Green, Jashaun	S	R-So.	6-1	186	State College Area/Matt Lintal	State College, Pa.
40	Specia, Anthony	LB	Fr.	6-1	226	Pittsburgh Central Catholic/Ryan Lehmeier	Bridgeville, Pa.
40	Williams, Patrick	S	R-So.	6-0	197	Eagle Academy 2/Kyron Jones	Brooklyn, N.Y.
41	King, Kobe**	LB	R-Jr.	6-1	248	Cass Tech/Thomas Wilcher	Detroit, Mich.
42	Robinson, Mason	DE	R-Fr.	6-3	252	McDonogh School/Hakeem Sule	Randallstown, Md.
43	Elsdon, Tyler***	LB	Sr.	6-2	230	North Schuylkill/Wally Hall	Frackville, Pa.
44	Harvey, Jaylen	DE	Fr.	6-2	250	Quince Orchard/John Kelley	Gaithersburg, Md.
44	Warren, Tyler***	TE	Sr.	6-6	261	Atlee/Matt Gray	Mechanicsville, Va.



## NUMERICAL ROSTER (45-99)

NO.	NAME	POS.	EL.	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL/COACH	HOMETOWN
45	Pryts, Jackson	LB	R-So.	6-3	220	Hickory/William Dungee	Hermitage, Pa.
47	Patton, Will	ATH	R-So.	6-4	233	Shenango/James Graham	New Castle, Pa.
47	Probst, Aidan	DE	Fr.	6-2	230	McDowell/ Brad Orlando	Erie, Pa.
48	Duzansky, Tyler *	LS	R-Jr.	6-4	216	St. Francis Prep/Bob McMillen	Glen Elyn, Ill.
49	Chizmar, Ben	LB	R-Jr.	6-0	228	Mars Area/Scott Heinauer	Gibsonia, Pa.
50	Cousins, Cooper	OL	Fr.	6-6	316	McDowell/Brad Orlando	Erie, Pa.
50	Ford Jr., Alonzo	DT	R-Sr.	6-2	319	Varina/Marcus Lewis/Old Dominion	Richmond, Va.
51	Beamon, Hakeem ***	DT	R-Sr.+	6-3	296	Manchester/Tom Hall	Midlothian, Va.
52	Rulli, Dominic *	OL	R-So.	6-3	295	The Taft School (Conn.)/Tyler Whitley	Burlington, Ky.
53	Dawkins, Nick **	OL	R-Sr.	6-4	298	Parkland/Tim Moncman	Allentown, Pa.
54	Gilliam, Xavier	DT	Fr.	6-2	302	Quince Orchard/John Kelley	Montgomery Village, Md.
54	Harvie, Ian	OL	R-So.	6-2	273	Spring-Ford/Chad Brubaker	Royersford, Pa.
55	Onoh, Chimdy	OL	R-Fr.	6-5	320	Dundalk/Thomas Abel	Baltimore, Md.
56	Mupoyi, Joseph	DT	R-Fr.	6-5	261	St. Thomas More (Conn.)/Ernest Anderson	Kinshasa, DR of the Congo
56	Nelson, JB **	OL	R-Sr.	6-5	326	Mount Lebanon/Bob Palko/Lackawanna College	Pittsburgh, Pa.
57	Harbour, Donnie	OL	Fr.	6-3	323	Catholic Memorial/Bill Young	Milwaukee, Wis.
58	Artis, Kaleb *	DT	R-So.	6-4	325	St. Francis Prep/Rich Carroll	Westbury, N.Y.
60	Bahn, Logan	OL	Fr.	6-4	300	Ramsey/Adam Baeira	Ramsey, N.J.
61	Horan, Liam	OL	Fr.	6-2	288	Malvern Prep/Dave Gueriera	Malvern, Pa.
63	Birchmeier, Alex	OL	R-Fr.	6-5	300	Broad Run/Myron Curtis	Ashburn, Va.
64	Boyer, Eagan	OL	Fr.	6-8	280	Hough/DeShawn Baker	Cornelius, N.C.
65	Fitzgerald, Jim	OL	R-So.	6-7	317	Archbishop Spalding/Kyle Schmitt	Severna Park, Md.
66	Shelton, Drew **	OL	Jr.	6-5	307	Downingtown West/Mike Milano	Downingtown, Pa.
67	Boehme, Henry	OL	R-Fr.	6-5	282	Mountain Brook/Chris Yeager	Birmingham, Ala.
68	Donkoh, Anthony *	OL	R-Fr.	6-5	330	Lightridge/Bobby Eavenson	Aldie, Va.
70	Sexton, Garrett	OL	Fr.	6-6	290	Arrowhead Union/Matt Harris	Hartland, Wis.
71	Ioane, Olaiavavega *	OL	R-So.	6-4	348	Graham-Kapowsin/Eric Kurle	Graham, Wash.
72	Rucci, Nolan	OL	R-Jr.	6-8	308	Warwick/Bob Locker/Wisconsin	Lititz, Pa.
73	Brewer, Caleb	OL	Fr.	6-4	288	Wyomissing/Bob Wolfram	Reading, Pa.
74	Williams, J'ven	OL	R-Fr.	6-5	310	Wyomissing/Bob Wolfram	Reading, Pa.
75	Detisch, Matt	OL	R-So.	6-6	280	Mars Area/Scott Heinauer	Mars, Pa.
76	Carlan, Mason	OL	Sr.	6-2	298	North Little Rock/Jamie Mitchell/Air Force	North Little Rock, Ark.
77	Wormley, Sal ***	OL	R-Sr.+	6-3	327	Smyrna (Del.)/Mike Judy	Newark, N.J.
79	Penn, Addison	OL	R-Sr.	6-2	290	Carroll/Riley Dodge/Duke	Southlake, Texas
80	Flowers, Mehki	WR	R-So.	6-0	194	Central Dauphin East/Lance Dean	Harrisburg, Pa.
81	Nastasi, Donte	WR	R-Fr.	5-10	160	State College Area/Matt Lintal	State College, Pa.
82	Black, Ethan	WR	R-Fr.	5-9	177	Conemaugh Township/Tony Penna	Davidsville, Pa.
83	Spencer, Jake	WR	R-Sr.	5-10	220	Haverford School/Michael Murphy/Colgate	Gladwyne, Pa.
84	Gonzalez, Peter	WR	Fr.	6-2	206	Pittsburgh Central Catholic/Ryan Lehmeier	Mars, Pa.
85	Reynolds, Luke	TE	Fr.	6-4	248	Cheshire Academy (Conn.)/Bill Mella	Westford, Mass.
86	Enterline, Aaron	WR	Fr.	6-2	185	Manheim Central/Dave Hahn	Manheim, Pa.
86	Estrella, Jason	WR	R-Jr.	6-2	193	Liberty/John Truby	Bethlehem, Pa.
87	Rappleyea, Andrew	TE	R-Fr.	6-4	250	Milton Academy (Mass.)/Kevin MacDonald	Millbrook, N.Y.
88	Cross, Jerry	TE	R-So.	6-5	267	Rufus King/Thomas Wozniak	Milwaukee, Wis.
88	Siafa, Sam	DT	R-So.	6-4	292	Downingtown West/Mike Milano	Downingtown, Pa.
89	Furmanek, Finn	TE	R-Fr.	6-3	242	State College Area/Matt Lintal	State College, Pa.
90	Andrews, Liam	DT	Fr.	6-4	275	Dexter School/Casey Day	Brookline, Mass.
91	J-Thomas, Dvon ***	DT	R-Sr.+	6-1	305	McDonogh School/Hakeem Sule	Burtonsville, Md.
91	Meyer, Chase	K	Jr.	5-10	181	Mater Dei/Bruce Rollinson/Tulsa/Penn	Los Angeles, Calif.
92	Dufault, Andrew	LS	Fr.	6-1	238	Xaverian Brothers/Al Fornaro	Westwood, Mass.
92	Vilbert, Smith *	DE	R-Sr.+	6-6	282	St. Joseph's Regional (N.J.)/Augie Hoffman	Monsey, N.Y.
93	Mears, Bobby	DE	R-Fr.	6-4	250	Malvern Prep/Dave Gueriera	West Chester, Pa.
93	Sahaydak, Sander	K	R-Jr.	6-0	185	Liberty/John Truby	Bethlehem, Pa.
94	Barker, Ryan	K	R-Fr.	6-2	192	Kennett/Lance Fraizer	Landenberg, Pa.
94	Cook, De'Andre	DT	Fr.	6-4	282	Friendship Collegiate Academy/Michael Hunter	Washington, D.C.
95	Mayer, Jordan	DE	R-Fr.	6-4	242	Thomas Jefferson/Kevin Culjat/Wisconsin	Jefferson Hills, Pa.
95	Thompson, Riley *	P	Jr.	6-1	224	Haileybury/-/Deakin/Florida Atlantic	Melbourne, Australia
96	Groh, Mitchell	P	R-Jr.	6-1	195	Dallastown Area/Ron Miller	Dallastown, Pa.
97	Cunningham, T.A.	DT	Fr.	6-5	285	Grayson/Jim Rowell	Atlanta, Ga.
99	Izzard, Coziah ***	DT	Sr.	6-3	305	DeMatha Catholic/Bill McGregor	Columbia, Md.
99	Nwosu, Gabriel *	P	R-Jr.	6-6	285	The Bullis School/Patrick Cilento	Derwood, Md.

\* - Letters won

As of October 7, 2024

Note: As a result of eligibility not counting for the 2020 season, extra years of eligibility are marked on the back end of student-athletes' career (a "+" symbol will be added on the end of "Sr." to indicate the extra year of eligibility being used).

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## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER (A-KIE)

NO.	NAME	POS.	EL.	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL/COACH	HOMETOWN
15	Allar, Drew **	QB	Jr.	6-5	235	Medina/Larry Laird	Medina, Ohio
13	Allen, Kaytron **	RB	Jr.	5-11	220	IMG Academy (Fla.)/Pepper Johnson	Norfolk, Va.
90	Andrews, Liam	DT	Fr.	6-4	275	Dexter School/Casey Day	Brookline, Mass.
35	Armstead, Tyler	CB	Fr.	6-1	167	Canon-McMillan/Mike Evans	Canonsburg, Pa.
58	Artis, Kaleb *	DT	R-So.	6-4	325	St. Francis Prep/Rich Carroll	Westbury, N.Y.
60	Bahn, Logan	OL	Fr.	6-4	300	Ramsey/Adam Baeira	Ramsey, N.J.
94	Barker, Ryan	K	R-Fr.	6-2	192	Kennett/Lance Fraizer	Landenberg, Pa.
51	Beamon, Hakeem ***	DT	R-Sr.+	6-3	296	Manchester/Tom Hall	Midlothian, Va.
23	Belgrave-Shorter, Antoine	CB	Fr.	6-0	195	Mandarin/Toby Bullock	Jacksonville, Fla.
63	Birchmeier, Alex	OL	R-Fr.	6-5	300	Broad Run/Myron Curtis	Ashburn, Va.
82	Black, Ethan	WR	R-Fr.	5-9	177	Conemaugh Township/Tony Penna	Davidsville, Pa.
39	Blanding, Ty	DT	R-Fr.	6-1	292	Christ the King/Jason Brown	Bronx, N.Y.
67	Boehme, Henry	OL	R-Fr.	6-5	282	Mountain Brook/Chris Yeager	Birmingham, Ala.
64	Boyer, Eagan	OL	Fr.	6-8	280	Hough/DeShawn Baker	Cornelius, N.C.
73	Brewer, Caleb	OL	Fr.	6-4	288	Wyomissing/Bob Wolfram	Reading, Pa.
19	Brown, Josiah	WR	Fr.	5-11	176	Malverne/Kito Lockwood	Malverne, N.Y.
76	Carlan, Mason	OL	Sr.	6-2	298	North Little Rock/Jamie Mitchell/Air Force	North Little Rock, Ark.
11	Carter, Abdul **	DE	Jr.	6-3	252	La Salle College High School/John Steinmetz	Philadelphia, Pa.
49	Chizmar, Ben	LB	R-Jr.	6-0	228	Mars Area/Scott Heinauer	Gibsonia, Pa.
2	Clifford, Liam **	WR	R-Jr.	6-1	208	St. Xavier/Steve Specht	Maineville, Ohio
29	Collins, Audavion	CB	R-So.	5-11	180	Newton/Camiel Grant/Mississippi State	Covington, Ga.
94	Cook, De'Andre	DT	Fr.	6-4	282	Friendship Collegiate Academy/Michael Hunter	Washington, D.C.
50	Cousins, Cooper	OL	Fr.	6-6	316	McDowell/Brad Orlando	Erie, Pa.
88	Cross, Jerry	TE	R-So.	6-5	267	Rufus King/Thomas Wozniak	Milwaukee, Wis.
31	Cunningham, Logan	WR	R-So.	5-8	189	Belle Vernon/Matt Humbert/Marietta College	Belle Vernon, Pa.
97	Cunningham, T.A.	DT	Fr.	6-5	285	Grayson/Jim Rowell	Atlanta, Ga.
30	Davis, Amiel	RB	R-Jr.	6-0	214	Eastern Regional/John Doherty/Marist College	Voorhees, N.J.
53	Dawkins, Nick **	OL	R-Sr.	6-4	298	Parkland/Tim Moncman	Allentown, Pa.
37	Dee, Beckham	LB	Fr.	6-1	229	Mount Lebanon/Mike Collodi	Pittsburgh, Pa.
0	DeLuca, Dominic **	LB	R-Jr.	6-1	230	Wyoming Area/Randy Spencer	West Pittston, Pa.
4	Denmark, Tyseer	WR	Fr.	5-10	187	Imhotep Charter/Devon Johnson	Philadelphia, Pa.
33	Dennis-Sutton, Dani **	DE	Jr.	6-5	266	McDonogh School (Md.)/Hakeem Sule	Millsboro, Del.
75	Detisch, Matt	OL	R-So.	6-6	280	Mars Area/Scott Heinauer	Mars, Pa.
16	Dinkins, Khalil *	TE	R-Jr.	6-4	252	North Allegheny/Art Walker	Wexford, Pa.
31	Dinkins, Kolin *	S	R-So.	6-2	203	North Allegheny/Art Walker	Wexford, Pa.
68	Donkoh, Anthony *	OL	R-Fr.	6-5	330	Lightridge/Bobby Eavenson	Aldie, Va.
92	Dufault, Andrew	LS	Fr.	6-1	238	Xaverian Brothers/Al Fornaro	Westwood, Mass.
28	Durant, Zane **	DT	Jr.	6-1	288	Lake Nona/Anthony Paradiso	Lake Nona, Fla.
48	Duzansky, Tyler *	LS	R-Jr.	6-4	216	St. Francis Prep/Bob McMillen	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
43	Elsdon, Tyler ***	LB	Sr.	6-2	230	North Schuylkill/Wally Hall	Frackville, Pa.
86	Enterline, Aaron	WR	Fr.	6-2	185	Manheim Central/Dave Hahn	Manheim, Pa.
86	Estrella, Jason	WR	R-Jr.	6-2	193	Liberty/John Truby	Bethlehem, Pa.
5	Evans, Omari **	WR	Jr.	6-0	188	Shoemaker/Toby Foreman	Killeen, Texas
36	Fisher, Zuriah **	DE	R-Sr.	6-3	258	Aliquippa/ Mike Warfield	Aliquippa, Pa.
65	Fitzgerald, Jim	OL	R-So.	6-7	317	Archbishop Spalding/Kyle Schmitt	Severna Park, Md.
3	Fleming, Julian	WR	Sr.	6-2	208	Southern Columba/Jim Roth/Ohio State	Catawissa, Pa.
80	Flowers, Mehki	WR	R-So.	6-0	194	Central Dauphin East/Lance Dean	Harrisburg, Pa.
50	Ford Jr., Alonzo	DT	R-Sr.	6-2	319	Varina/Marcus Lewis/Old Dominion	Richmond, Va.
89	Furmanek, Finn	TE	R-Fr.	6-3	242	State College Area/Matt Lintal	State College, Pa.
54	Gilliam, Xavier	DT	Fr.	6-2	302	Quince Orchard/John Kelley	Montgomery Village, Md.
84	Gonzalez, Peter	WR	Fr.	6-2	206	Pittsburgh Central Catholic/Ryan Lehmeier	Mars, Pa.
18	Granville, Max	DE	Fr.	6-3	229	Fort Bend Christian Academy/Jordan Black	Sugar Land, Texas
39	Green, Jashaun	S	R-So.	6-1	186	State College Area/Matt Lintal	State College, Pa.
96	Groh, Mitchell	P	R-Jr.	6-1	195	Dallastown Area/Ron Miller	Dallastown, Pa.
17	Grunkemeyer, Ethan	QB	Fr.	6-2	203	Olentangy/Wade Bartholomew	Lewis Center, Ohio
57	Harbour, Donnie	OL	Fr.	6-3	323	Catholic Memorial/Bill Young	Milwaukee, Wis.
4	Harris, A.J.	CB	So.	6-1	193	Central/Patrick Nix/Georgia	Phenix City, Ala.
44	Harvey, Jaylen	DE	Fr.	6-2	250	Quince Orchard/John Kelley	Gaithersburg, Md.
54	Harvie, Ian	OL	R-So.	6-2	273	Spring-Ford/Chad Brubaker	Royersford, Pa.
34	Holzworth, Tyler	RB	R-Jr.	6-0	219	Delaware Valley Regional/Keith Olsommer/Delaware Valley	Milford, N.J.
61	Horan, Liam	OL	Fr.	6-2	288	Malvern Prep/Dave Gueriera	Malvern, Pa.
71	Ioane, Olaivavega *	OL	R-So.	6-4	348	Graham-Kapowsin/Eric Kurlie	Graham, Wash.
12	Ivey, Anthony	WR	R-So.	5-11	187	Manheim Township/Mark Evans	Lancaster, Pa.
99	Izzard, Coziah ***	DT	Sr.	6-3	305	DeMatha Catholic/Bill McGregor	Columbia, Md.
30	Jackson, Kari	LB	Fr.	6-1	238	West Bloomfield/Zach Hilbers	West Bloomfield, Mich.
11	Johnson, Tyler	WR	R-So.	6-0	188	Magna Vista/Joe Favero	Martinsville, Va.
91	J-Thomas, Dvon ***	DT	R-Sr.+	6-1	305	McDonogh School/Hakeem Sule	Burtonsville, Md.
28	Kiesewetter, Karson	S	R-Fr.	5-10	198	Bishop Guilfoyle/Justin Wheeler	Altoona, Pa.

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER (KIM-Y)

NO.	NAME	POS.	EL.	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL/COACH	HOMETOWN
3	Kimber, Jalen	CB	R-Sr.	6-0	184	Mansfield Timberview/James Brown/Florida/Georgia	Merrillville, Ind.
41	King, Kobe **	LB	R-Jr.	6-1	248	Cass Tech/Thomas Wilcher	Detroit, Mich.
19	Lambert, Jack	QB	R-Fr.	6-3	208	Topsail/Jack Teachey	Hampstead, N.C.
10	Lane, Dejuan	S	Fr.	6-2	211	Gilman School/Scott Van Zile	Jessup, Md.
25	Martin Jr., Quinton	RB	Fr.	6-1	205	Belle Vernon/Matt Humbert	Belle Vernon, Pa.
95	Mayer, Jordan	DE	R-Fr.	6-4	242	Thomas Jefferson/Kevin Culjat/Wisconsin	Jefferson Hills, Pa.
93	Mears, Bobby	DE	R-Fr.	6-4	250	Malvern Prep/Dave Gueriera	West Chester, Pa.
91	Meyer, Chase	K	Jr.	5-10	181	Mater Dei/Bruce Rollinson/Tulsa/Penn	Los Angeles, Calif.
5	Miller, Cam **	CB	Jr.	6-0	184	Trinity Christian Academy/Verlon Dorminey	Fernandina Beach, Fla.
14	Mills, Tyrece	S	R-Sr.	6-1	203	Northeast/Troy Gore/Lackawanna College	Philadelphia, Pa.
12	Mitchell, Jon	CB	Fr.	5-11	195	Mandarin/Toby Bullock	Jacksonville, Fla.
56	Mupoyi, Joseph	DT	R-Fr.	6-5	261	St. Thomas More (Conn.)/Ernest Anderson	Kinshasa, DR of the Congo
81	Nastasi, Donte	WR	R-Fr.	5-10	160	State College Area/Matt Lintal	State College, Pa.
8	Nelson, DaKaari	LB	R-Fr.	6-3	222	Selma/Willie Gandy	Livingston, Ala.
56	Nelson, JB **	OL	R-Sr.	6-5	326	Mount Lebanon/Bob Palko/Lackawanna College	Pittsburgh, Pa.
99	Nwosu, Gabriel *	P	R-Jr.	6-6	285	The Bullis School/Patrick Cilentio	Derwood, Md.
55	Onoh, Chimdy	OL	R-Fr.	6-5	320	Dundalk/Thomas Abel	Baltimore, Md.
47	Patton, Will	ATH	R-So.	6-4	233	Shenango/James Graham	New Castle, Pa.
27	Payne Jr., Lamont	S	R-Fr.	6-0	192	Chartiers Valley/Aaron Fitzpatrick	Carnegie, Pa.
79	Penn, Addison	OL	R-Sr.	6-2	290	Carroll/Riley Dodge/Duke	Southlake, Texas
9	Pribula, Beau *	QB	R-So.	6-2	206	Central York/Gerry Yonchiuk	York, Pa.
47	Probst, Aidan	DE	Fr.	6-2	230	McDowell/Brad Orlando	Erie, Pa.
45	Pryts, Jackson	LB	R-So.	6-3	220	Hickory/William Dungee	Hermitage, Pa.
87	Rappleyea, Andrew	TE	R-Fr.	6-4	250	Milton Academy (Mass.)/Kevin MacDonald	Millbrook, N.Y.
1	Reed, Jaylen ***	S	Fr.	6-0	212	Martin Luther King Jr./Tyronne Spencer	Detroit, Mich.
85	Reynolds, Luke	TE	Fr.	6-4	248	Cheshire Academy (Conn.)/Bill Mella	Westford, Mass.
42	Robinson, Mason	DE	R-Fr.	6-3	252	McDonogh School/Hakeem Sule	Randallstown, Md.
24	Robinson, Ta'Mere	LB	R-Fr.	6-3	223	Brashear/Andrew Moore	Pittsburgh, Pa.
13	Rojas, Tony *	LB	So.	6-2	236	Fairfax/Trey Taylor	Fairfax, Va.
72	Rucci, Nolan	OL	R-Jr.	6-8	308	Warwick/Bob Locker/Wisconsin	Liitz, Pa.
52	Rulli, Dominic *	OL	R-So.	6-3	295	The Taft School (Conn.)/Tyler Whitley	Burlington, Ky.
93	Sahaydak, Sander	K	R-Jr.	6-0	185	Liberty/John Truby	Bethlehem, Pa.
7	Saunders, Kaden *	WR	R-So.	5-10	182	Westerville South/Matthew Christ	Columbus, Ohio
18	Schlaffer, Joey	TE	R-Fr.	6-5	240	Exeter Township/Matt Bauer	Reading, Pa.
70	Sexton, Garrett	OL	Fr.	6-6	290	Arrowhead Union/Matt Harris	Hartland, Wis.
66	Shelton, Drew **	OL	Jr.	6-5	307	Downingtown West/Mike Milano	Downingtown, Pa.
88	Siafa, Sam	DT	R-So.	6-4	292	Downingtown West/Mike Milano	Downingtown, Pa.
10	Singleton, Nicholas **	RB	Jr.	6-0	226	Governor Mifflin/Jeff Lang	Shillington, Pa.
24	Smith, Corey	RB	Fr.	5-10	189	Catholic Memorial/Bill Young	Milwaukee, Wis.
14	Smolik, Jaxon	QB	R-Fr.	6-1	201	Dowling Catholic/Tom Wilson	Van Meter, Iowa
35	Sokach-Minnick, Blaise	LS	R-So.	6-3	220	Wyoming Area/Randy Spencer	West Pittston, Pa.
40	Specia, Anthony	LB	Fr.	6-1	226	Pittsburgh Central Catholic/Ryan Lehmeier	Bridgeville, Pa.
83	Spencer, Jake	WR	R-Sr.	5-10	220	Haverford School/Michael Murphy/Colgate	Gladwyne, Pa.
95	Thompson, Riley *	P	Jr.	6-1	224	Haileybury/-/Deakin/Florida Atlantic	Melbourne, Australia
21	Toure, Vaboue	S	Fr.	6-1	212	Irvington/Smoke Pierre	Pleasantville, N.J.
7	Tracy, Zion *	CB	So.	5-11	181	St. Thomas More (Conn.)/Ernest Anderson	Hempstead, N.Y.
15	Vanover, Amin **	DE	Sr.	6-4	258	St. Joseph's/Augie Hoffman	Newark, N.J.
92	Vilbert, Smith *	DE	R-Sr.+	6-6	282	St Joseph's Regional (N.J.)/Augie Hoffman	Monsey, N.Y.
26	Wallace, Cam	RB	R-Fr.	5-9	200	Montgomery County/Don Vandygriff	Mount Vernon, Ga.
6	Wallace III, Harrison **	WR	R-Jr.	6-1	198	Pike Road/Patrick Browning	Montgomery, Ala.
44	Warren, Tyler ***	TE	Sr.	6-6	261	Atlee/Matt Gray	Mechanicsville, Va.
9	Washington II, Elliot *	CB	So.	5-11	194	Venice/John Peacock	Venice, Fla.
6	Wheatley, Zakee **	S	R-Jr.	6-2	200	Archbishop Spalding/Kyle Schmitt	Crofton, Md.
74	Williams, J'ven	OL	R-Fr.	6-5	310	Wyomissing/Bob Wolfrum	Reading, Pa.
20	Williams, Mylachi	DE	Fr.	6-3	243	Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast Catholic/Jack Muldoon	Philadelphia, Pa.
40	Williams, Patrick	S	R-So.	6-0	197	Eagle Academy 2/Kyron Jones	Brooklyn, N.Y.
2	Winston Jr., Kevin **	S	Jr.	6-2	208	DeMatha Catholic/Bill McGregor	Columbia, Md.
77	Wormley, Sal **	OL	R-Sr.+	6-3	327	Smyrna (Del.)/Mike Judy	Newark, N.J.
17	Woseley Jr., Kenny	CB	Fr.	5-10	176	Imhotep Charter/Devon Johnson	Philadelphia, Pa.
32	Wylie, Keon *	LB	R-So.	6-2	225	Imhotep Charter/Devon Johnson	Philadelphia, Pa.
38	Yates, Winston	LB	R-Fr.	6-2	226	Paul VI/Steve Scuderi	Moorestown, N.J.

\* - Letters won

As of October 7, 2024

Note: As a result of eligibility not counting for the 2020 season, extra years of eligibility are marked on the back end of student-athletes' career (a "+" symbol will be added on the end of "Sr." to indicate the extra year of eligibility being used).







RECORD WATCH

GAME ALL-PURPOSE YARDAGE

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Name, and Year. Lists players like Saquon Barkley at Iowa (2017) and Curt Warner at Syracuse (1981).

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Name, School, and Year. Lists players like Chris Bahr at Syracuse (1973) and Massimo Manca vs. Alabama (1985).

KICKING

CAREER FIELD GOALS

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Name, and Year. Lists kickers like Kevin Kelly (2005-08) and Sam Ficken (2011-14).

SEASON EXTRA POINTS MADE

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Name, and Year. Lists players like Tyler Davis (2017) and Brett Conway (1994).

CAREER FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Name, and Year. Lists players like Kevin Kelly (2005-08) and Massimo Manca (1982, 84-86).

CAREER EXTRA POINTS MADE

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Name, and Year. Lists players like Jake Pinegar (2018-22) and Kevin Kelly (2005-08).

SEASON FIELD GOAL PCT.

(Min. 10 Attempts)

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Name, and Year. Lists players like Tyler Davis (2016) and Jake Pinegar (2019).

CAREER PAT PCT.

(Min. 50 Attempts)

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Name, School, and Year. Lists players like Herb Menhardt (1976, 78-80) and Collin Wagner (2006-10).

CAREER FIELD GOAL PCT.

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Name, and Year. Lists players like Tyler Davis (2015-17) and Nick Gancitano (1981-84).

PUNTING

PUNT AVERAGE, CAREER

(Min. 50 punts)

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Name, School, and Year. Lists punters like Riley Thompson (2023-pres.) and Jordan Stout (2019-21).

PUNT AVERAGE, SEASON

(Min. 30 punts)

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Name, School, and Year. Lists punters like Riley Thompson (2023) and Jordan Stout (2021).

LONGEST FIELD GOALS

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Name, and Year. Lists long-range kickers like Jordan Stout vs. Pitt (2019) and Chris Bahr at Temple (1975).

RETURNS

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Name, School, and Year. Lists return specialists like Jim Boring vs. Johns Hopkins (1933) and Mark Robinson vs. Rutgers (1982).

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Name, School, and Year. Lists return specialists like Chuck Peters vs. NYU (1940) and Fritz Barrett vs. Carnegie Tech (1910).

KICK RETURN AVERAGE, CAREER

(Min. 15 returns)

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Name, and Year. Lists players like Larry Joe (1946-48) and Curt Warner (1979-82).

PUNT RETURN AVERAGE, CAREER

(Min. 15 returns)

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Name, and Year. Lists players like Jahan Dotson (2018-21) and Rob Younker (1953-54).

PUNT RETURN AVERAGE, SEASON

(Min. 6 returns)

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Name, and Year. Lists players like Jahan Dotson (2020) and Don Jonas (1960).

SEASON SCORING

Table with 5 columns: Points, TD, PAT, FG, and Name/Year. Lists top scorers like Lydell Mitchell (1971) and Larry Johnson (2002).

DEFENSE

CAREER TACKLES FOR LOSS

(Since 1975)

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Name, and Year. Lists defensive players like Courtney Brown (1996-99) and Brandon Short (1996-99).

CAREER SACKS

(Since 1975)

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Name, and Year. Lists defensive players like Courtney Brown (1996-99) and Larry Kubin (1977-80).

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURNS

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Name, and Year. Lists defensive players like Michael Mauti at Illinois (2012) and Wayne Berfield at Boston (1958).

SCORING

CAREER SCORING

Table with 5 columns: Points, TD, PAT, FG, and Name/Year. Lists top scorers like Kevin Kelly (2005-08) and Jake Pinegar (2018-22).

\*2-pt conversion run; \*\*2-pt conversion reception

GAME RECAPS



Game 1

Penn State (1-0, 0-0) ..... 34  
West Virginia (0-1, 0-0) ..... 12

August 31, 2024 • 62,084

Milan Puskar Stadium • Morgantown, W. Va.

	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
PSU	0	20	7	7	0	34
WVU	0	6	0	6	0	12

	PSU	WVU
First Downs	21	19
Rushes-Yards	42-222	37-85
Passing Yards	235	161
Comp-Att-Int	12-18-0	15-29-1
Total Offense	457	246
Plays	60	66
Fumbles (#-Lost)	1-1	4-2
Penalties (#-Lost)	8-60	1-5
Possession Time	30:25	29:35
3rd Down Conv.	5-11	4-14
Red Zone	3-3	3-4

Passing (Comp-Att-TD-Int-Yds)

PSU: Allar 11-17-3-0-216; Pribula 1-1-1-0-19.  
WVU: Greene 15-28-0-0-161; Marchiol 0-1-0-1-0.

Rushing (Att-Yds-TD)

PSU: Singleton 13-114-1; Allar 6-44-0.  
WVU: Donaldson 12-42-1; White 8-33-0.

Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD)

PSU: Wallace III 5-117-2; Warren 3-30-1; Evans 2-55-0.  
WVU: Ray 4-37-0; Fox 2-41-0; Clement 2-34-0.

Scoring Summary

Quarter, Time	Play	Score
2Q, 14:53	PSU Wallace 50 yd pass Allar	6-0
2Q, 9:46	PSU Allen 20 yd pass Allar	13-0
2Q, 6:15	WVU Hayes 38 yd field goal	13-3
2Q, 0:37	WVU Hayes 39 yd field goal	13-6
2Q, 0:06	PSU Wallace 18 yd pass Allar	20-6
3Q, 10:16	PSU Singleton 40 yd rush	27-6
4Q, 12:49	WVU Donaldson 1 yd rush	27-12
4Q, 9:00	PSU Warren 19 yd pass Pribula	34-12

Game 2

Penn State (2-0, 0-0) ..... 34  
Bowling Green (0-2, 0-0) ..... 27

September 7, 2024 • 103,861

Beaver Stadium • University Park, Pa.

	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
BGSU	10	14	0	3	0	27
PSU	7	13	7	7	0	34

	BGSU	PSU
First Downs	20	21
Rushes-Yards	26-121	37-234
Passing Yards	254	204
Comp-Att-Int	25-40-2	13-20-1
Total Offense	375	438
Plays	66	57
Fumbles (#-Lost)	0-0	1-0
Penalties (#-Lost)	3-18	7-76
Possession Time	32:00	28:00
3rd Down Conv.	7-14	2-9
Red Zone	3-3	3-4

Passing (Comp-Att-TD-Int-Yds)

PSU: Allar 13-20-2-1-204.  
BGSU: Bazelak 25-39-2-2-254.

Rushing (Att-Yds-TD)

PSU: Singleton 13-119-1; Allen 14-101-0.  
BGSU: Patterson 16-57-0; Johnson 5-46-1.

Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD)

PSU: Warren 8-146-0; Evans 2-34-1; Singleton 1-14-1.  
BGSU: Fannin 11-137-1; Johnson 8-81-1; Pegues 3-11-0.

Scoring Summary

Quarter, Time	Play	Score
1Q, 12:39	BGSU Fannin 6 yd pass Bazelak	0-7
1Q, 10:14	PSU Allar 5 yd rush	7-7
1Q, 4:50	BGSU Kleather 33 yd field goal	7-10
2Q, 12:48	BGSU Johnson 15 yd pass Bazelak	7-17
2Q, 11:48	PSU Evans 29 yd pass Allar	14-17
2Q, 5:28	PSU Sahaydak 43 yd field goal	17-17
2Q, 3:32	BGSU Johnson 41 yd rush	17-24
2Q, 0:10	PSU Sahaydak 28 yd field goal	20-24
3Q, 6:13	PSU Singleton 14 yd pass Allar	27-24
4Q, 4:09	PSU Singleton 41 yd rush	34-24
4Q, 0:47	BGSU Kleather 42 yd field goal	34-27

Game 3

Penn State (3-0, 0-0) ..... 56  
Kent State (0-4, 0-0) ..... 0

September 21, 2024 • 109,526

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	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
KENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
PSU	7	21	14	14	0	56

	KENT	PSU
First Downs	6	40
Rushes-Yards	30-49	50-309
Passing Yards	18	409
Comp-Att-Int	2-13-0	24-31-1
Total Offense	67	718
Plays	43	81
Fumbles (#-Lost)	1-0	1-0
Penalties (#-Lost)	2-20	7-65
Possession Time	24:19	35:41
3rd Down Conv.	1-11	8-10
Red Zone	0-0	7-7

Passing (Comp-Att-TD-Int-Yds)

PSU: Allar 17-21-3-0-309; Pribula 6-9-1-1-83.  
KENT: Sherrod 2-6-0-0-18; Ulatowski 0-6-0-0-0.

Rushing (Att-Yds-TD)

PSU: Singleton 11-81-0; Allen 11-66-0.  
KENT: Harris 10-20-0; Thomas 4-16-0.

Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD)

PSU: Warren 5-50-0; Evans 4-116-1; Clifford 3-64-1.  
KENT: Banks 1-13; Floriea 1-5.

Scoring Summary

Quarter, Time	Play	Score
1Q, 2:38	PSU Warren 16 yd pass Allar	7-0
2Q, 5:49	PSU Singleton 17 yd pass Warren	14-0
2Q, 1:29	PSU Clifford 14 yd pass Allar	21-0
2Q, 0:15	PSU Allar 5 yd rush	28-0
3Q, 13:13	PSU Evans 59 yd pass Allar	35-0
3Q, 4:55	PSU Dinkins 13 yd pass Pribula	42-0
4Q, 9:21	PSU Wallace 1 yd rush	49-0
4Q, 1:25	PSU Pribula 1 yd rush	56-0



GAME RECAPS



Game 4

Penn State (4-0, 1-0) ..... 21  
 Illinois (4-1, 1-1) ..... 7

Game 5

Penn State (5-0, 2-0) ..... 27  
 UCLA (1-4, 0-3) ..... 11

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	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
ILL	7	0	0	0	0	7
PSU	7	0	7	7	0	21

	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
UCLA	0	3	0	8	0	11
PSU	0	14	10	3	0	27

	ILL	PSU
First Downs	17	24
Rushes-Yards	32-34	44-239
Passing Yards	185	135
Comp-Att-Int	16-25-1	15-21-0
Total Offense	219	374
Plays	57	65
Fumbles (#-Lost)	2-1	0-0
Penalties (#-Lost)	9-60	6-63
Possession Time	26:11	33:49
3rd Down Conv.	4-13	6-11
Red Zone	1-2	3-4

	UCLA	PSU
First Downs	14	18
Rushes-Yards	29-93	30-85
Passing Yards	167	237
Comp-Att-Int	22-30-0	17-24-0
Total Offense	260	322
Plays	59	54
Fumbles (#-Lost)	1-0	0-0
Penalties (#-Lost)	5-45	2-20
Possession Time	32:57	27:03
3rd Down Conv.	6-15	7-12
Red Zone	2-3	4-4

Passing (Comp-Att-TD-Int-Yds)

PSU: Allar 15-21-0-0-135.

ILL: Altmyer 16-25-1-1-185.

Rushing (Att-Yds-TD)

PSU: Allen 18-102-1; Singleton 16-94-1.

ILL: Feagin 13-64-0; McCray 3-(-2)-0.

Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD)

PSU: Warren 4-34-0; Wallace III 3-38-0.

ILL: Franklin 4-49-0; Beatty 2-39-0.

Scoring Summary

Quarter, Time	Play	Score
1Q, 9:36	ILL Goda 4 yd pass Altmyer	0-7
1Q, 5:34	PSU Warren 3 yd rush	7-7
3Q, 8:38	PSU Singleton 4 yd rush	14-7
4Q, 1:55	PSU Allen 5 yd rush	21-7

Passing (Comp-Att-TD-Int-Yds)

PSU: Allar 17-24-1-0-237.

UCLA: Martin 22-30-1-0-167.

Rushing (Att-Yds-TD)

PSU: Allen 21-78-1; Allar 4-(-3)-1.

UCLA: Berger 9-38-0; Jones 5-38-0.

Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD)

PSU: Clifford 3-107-0; Warren 3-29-1.

UCLA: Loya 6-57-1; Harden 5-59-0.

Scoring Summary

Quarter, Time	Play	Score
2Q, 6:40	PSU Allar 1 yd rush	7-0
2Q, 2:51	UCLA Bhaghani 25 yd field goal	7-3
2Q, 0:20	PSU Warren 5 yd pass Allar	14-3
3Q, 8:36	PSU Barker 25 yd field goal	17-3
3Q, 2:57	PSU Allen 1 yd rush	24-3
4Q, 8:17	PSU Barker 40 yd field goal	27-3
4Q, 0:16	UCLA Loya 1 yd pass Martin	17-11