



# 2007 Penn State

## Men's Volleyball Prospectus

### Quick Facts

#### The University

Location: .....University Park, Pa. 16802  
 Founded: .....1855  
 Enrollment: .....40,709  
 Colors: .....Blue and White  
 Nickname: .....Nittany Lions  
 Conference: .....EIVA  
 President: .....Dr. Graham Spanier  
 Director of Athletics: .....Tim Curley  
 Assoc. A.D.: .....Jan Bortner  
 Facility (capacity): .....Rec Hall (5,812)

#### Volleyball Staff

Head Coach: .....Mark Pavlik (13th season)  
 Alma Mater: .....Penn State, 1982  
 Overall Record (Yrs/Pct.): .....287-92 (12/.757)  
 School Record: .....same  
 Office Phone: .....(814) 863-7464  
 Asst. Coach: .....Craig Dyer (1st season)  
 Office Phone: .....(814) 863-8615  
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 Office Address: .....207 & 205 Rec Hall

#### Season In Review

2006 Record: .....21-9  
 Home: 11-1    Away: 7-6    Neutral: 3-2  
 EIVA record (finish): .....11-1 (1st)  
 Home: 6-0    Away: 5-1  
 Final AVCA Ranking: .....No. 5  
 Postseason Play: .....NCAA Runners-Up  
 National Semifinals: .....def. UC Irvine, 3-2  
 National Championship: .....lost to UCLA, 3-0

#### The History

First Year of Volleyball: .....1977  
 All-Time Record: .....769-229-9  
 All-Time EIVA Record (since 1985): .....181-10  
 Win Pct.: .....948  
 EIVA Championships: .....18  
 EIVA Championship Titles: .....18  
 NCAA Tournament Appearances: .....21  
 NCAA National Championships: .....1994

### 2007 Outlook

- Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/5
- Starters Returning/Lost: 3 (2+ libero)/4
- Newcomers: 6

### Starters Returning

No.	Pos.	Player	Yr.	MP-MS	G	KPG	Pct.	APG	SAPG	DPG	BPG
6	L	Ryan Walthall	Sr.	16-0	55	0.00	-.500	0.38	0.00	2.05	0.00
10	OH	Alex Gutor	Sr.	29-14	86	2.73	.304	0.16	0.15	0.86	0.47
12	MH	Max Holt	So.	30-30	108	2.17	.415	0.03	0.23	0.44	1.19

### Other Letterwinners Returning

No.	Pos.	Player	Yr.	MP-MS	G	KPG	Pct.	APG	SAPG	DPG	BPG
2	S	Travis Foltz	So.	11-0	25	0.00	.000	0.48	0.00	0.12	0.00
8	OH/L	Aaron Smith	Sr.	18-1	54	0.02	.500	0.57	0.00	2.19	0.02
13	Opp.	Ryan Sweitzer	So.	24-0	61	0.41	.326	0.02	0.11	0.15	0.07
14	OH	Matt Anderson	So.	30-20	91	2.21	.224	0.05	0.16	1.09	0.62
15	OH	Jay Stauffer	So.	12-0	13	0.15	.250	0.31	0.00	1.31	0.00
16	S	Luke Murray	Jr.	29-9	68	0.19	.296	8.13	0.19	0.78	0.41

### Starters Lost

No.	Pos.	Player	Yr.	MP-MS	G	KPG	Pct.	APG	SAPG	DPG	BPG
2	S	Dan O'Dell	Sr.	26-20	89	0.36	.236	10.42	0.09	1.18	0.66
4	Opp.	Matt Proper	Sr.	30-30	104	4.20	.373	0.10	0.33	1.11	0.76
7	OH	Kevin Wentzel	Sr.	30-23	92	2.52	.234	0.17	0.16	1.08	0.50
11	MH	Nate Meerstein	Sr.	30-30	109	2.51	.477	0.10	0.10	0.34	1.17

### Newcomers

No.	Player	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown/High School
1	Aaron Merges	L	Fr.	6-0	Dover, Pa./Northeastern
4	Jon Sherrick	MH	Jr.	6-5	Mountville, Pa./Hempfield (St. Francis)
5	Jason Ambrose	OH	Fr.	6-5	Barrington, Ill./Barrington
7	Craig Cruse	OH	Fr.	6-6	Midlothian, Va./Clover Hill
9	Max Lipsitz	MH	Fr.	6-7	Williamsville, N.Y./North
17	Alan Mars	Opp.	Fr.	6-7	Rochester, N.Y./Gates-Chili

### Athletic Communications

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**Office Fax:** .....(814) 863-3165    ...with GameTracker for all home events



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## Men's Volleyball Schedule

### JANUARY

12	Fri.	at Ball State	Muncie, Ind.	7:00 p.m.
14	Sat.	at IPFW	Fort Wayne, Ind.	7:00 p.m.
<b>20</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Alumni</b>	<b>University Park, Pa.</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>

26-27 at Outrigger Invitational - Honolulu, Hawaii

26	Fri.	vs. Brigham Young	Honolulu, Hawaii	4:00 p.m.
27	Sat.	at Hawaii	Honolulu, Hawaii	7:00 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

<b>1</b>	<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>University Park, Pa.</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Juniata*</b>	<b>University Park, Pa.</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Saint Francis*</b>	<b>University Park, Pa.</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>George Mason*</b>	<b>University Park, Pa. (South)</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Ball State</b>	<b>University Park, Pa.</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Loyola-Chicago</b>	<b>University Park, Pa. (South)</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
23	Fri.	at Princeton*	Princeton, N.J.	7:00 p.m.
24	Sat.	at East Stroudsburg*	East Stroudsburg, Pa.	7:00 p.m.

### MARCH

<b>8</b>	<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Rutgers-Newark*</b>	<b>University Park, Pa.</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Mercyhurst</b>	<b>University Park, Pa.</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
12	Mon.	at UC Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara, Calif.	7:00 p.m.
14	Wed.	at UC Irvine	Irvine, Calif.	7:00 p.m.
16	Fri.	vs. TBA	Long Beach, Calif.	TBA
17	Sat.	vs. TBA	Long Beach, Calif.	TBA
23	Fri.	at Rutgers-Newark*	Newark, N.J.	7:00 p.m.
<b>24</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>IPFW</b>	<b>University Park, Pa. (South)</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
28	Wed.	at Juniata*	Huntingdon, Pa.	7:00 p.m.
<b>30</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Princeton*</b>	<b>University Park, Pa. (South)</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
31	Sat.	at Saint Francis*	Loretto, Pa.	7:00 p.m.

### APRIL

4	Wed.	at Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio	7:00 p.m.
<b>6</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>East Stroudsburg*</b>	<b>University Park, Pa.</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
7	Sat.	at George Mason*	Fairfax, Va.	7:00 p.m.
13	Fri.	at Lewis	Romeoville, Ill.	7:00 p.m.
14	Sat.	at Loyola-Chicago	Chicago, Ill.	7:00 p.m.
21	Sat.	EIVA Quarterfinals	Campus Sites	
26	Thurs.	EIVA Semifinals	Campus of No. 1 Seed	
28	Sat.	EIVA Championship	Campus of No. 1 Seed	

### MAY

3	Thurs.	National Collegiate Semifinals	Columbus, Ohio	
5	Sat.	National Collegiate Championship	Columbus, Ohio	

Home matches played at Rec Hall in bold • All times local to site • \* Indicates EIVA match



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## *Men's Volleyball Roster*

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2	Travis Foltz	S	So.	6-2	Westlake Village, Calif./Westlake
4	Jon Sherrick	MH	Jr.	6-5	Mountville, Pa./Hempfield (Saint Francis Univ.)
5	Jason Ambrose	OH	Fr.	6-5	Barrington, Ill./Barrington
6	Ryan Walthall	L	Sr.	6-2	Irvine, Calif./Woodbridge
7	Craig Cruse	OH	Fr.	6-6	Midlothian, Va./Clover Hill
8	Aaron Smith	OH	Sr.	6-5	Forest, Va./Monacan
9	Max Lipsitz	MH	Fr.	6-7	Williamsville, N.Y./North
10	Alex Gutor	OH	Sr.	6-4	Kiev, Ukraine/Greenhill Academy (Texas)
12	Max Holt	MH	So.	6-9	Cincinnati, Ohio/Purcell Marian
13	Ryan Sweitzer	Opp.	So.	6-5	Lancaster, Pa./Conestoga Valley
14	Matt Anderson	OH	So.	6-9	West Seneca, N.Y./West Seneca West
15	Jay Stauffer	OH	So.	6-4	Columbia, Pa./Hempfield
16	Luke Murray	S	Jr.	6-0	East Petersburg, Pa./Hempfield
17	Alan Mars	Opp.	Fr.	6-7	Rochester, N.Y./Gates-Chili

**Head Coach:** Mark Pavlik (Penn State, 1992), 13th year

**Assistant Coach:** Craig Dyer (Susquehanna, 1995) 1st year