



MAY 3-5, 2019 // Medlar Field at Lubrano Park // University Park, Pa.

BY THE NUMBERS

PSU	RU
171	174
189	229
231	242
343	311
328	333
86	69
152	168
37-54	48-66
.954	.958
66	68
3.84	4.51
.234	.269
401	315
161	173

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PSU	RU
Bowersox, .331	Dezzi, .310
Bowersox, 49	Nyisztor, 52
Bowersox, 26	Dezzi, 23
Kremer, 21	Sclafani, 27
Homer, .439	Sclafani, .383
Bowersox, .405	Dezzi, .395
Three Tied, 4	Sclafani, 5
Kremer, 22	Welsh, 28
Bowersox/Homer, 7	Nyisztor, 12
Mellott, 5	Four Tied, 3
Biasi, 2.01	Genuario, 2.66
Biasi, .177	Murray, .207
Biasi, 90	Rutkowski, 68
Biasi, 62.2	Rutkowski, 67.1

Up to Bat

Penn State returns to the field after exams for a Graduation Weekend Big Ten baseball series against Rutgers at Medlar Field at Lubrano Park. The three-game series opens Friday at 6:30 p.m. and continues Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.

PRESENTED BY



Congrats Grads

- Penn State baseball has six graduating Saturday: **Jordan Bowersox** (criminology), **Dylan Gargas** (journalism), **Blake Hodgens** (kiniesiology), **Conlin Hughes** (economics), **Shea Sbranti** (communications arts and sciences) and **Ryan Sloniger** (broadcast journalism).

Statistical Improvement

- Through 39 games, Penn State is well ahead of last season's pace in many areas, most notably totaling 19 wins as opposed to just 11 through the same point in 2018.
- Penn State has five wins against RPI Top-100 teams this season after having none last year.
- Penn State has been more competitive overall in close games, going 8-7 in one-run games after starting 2018 4-12 in one-run contests.
- Penn State has maintained its late leads this season, going 12-3 when leading after the sixth inning and posting undefeated marks when leading after the seventh and eighth innings. At the same point last season, Penn State had dropped seven games when leading after six innings.
- Penn State has done a better job of rebounding so far this season, earning three wins when trailing after the sixth inning and two when trailing after the eighth inning. At the same point last season, Penn State did not have any wins when trailing late.
- Penn State's pitching has seen a dramatic improvement compared to a year ago, dropping its ERA from 5.69 in the first 39 games of 2018 to 3.84 this season. The unit has allowed 58-less hits, 67-less earned runs and 22-less walks. Strikeouts are up 76 from 315 at this point last year to 401 this year - just 33 shy of the team record.

Pitching Prowess

- Penn State ranks among the Big Ten leaders in pitching with a 3.84 ERA and 1.35 WHIP, which rank fourth and fifth, respectively, in the conference, and 42nd and 56th, respectively, nationally.
- Penn State is even better in conference play, posting a 3.25 team ERA in 17 conference games to rank fourth.
- Overall, Penn State's 10.3 strikeouts per nine innings leads the Big Ten and ranks eighth nationally.
- Penn State's hits allowed per nine innings rate of 7.99 ranks fourth in the Big Ten and 36th nationally.
- Penn State's strikeout-to-walk ratio of 2.49 ranks second in the Big Ten and 37th nationally, while its 4.15 walks allowed per nine innings ranks sixth in the conference.
- Penn State's three shutouts this season are its most since earning three shutouts in 2016.
- Penn State is 18-8 when scoring three or more runs this season.

Bowersox Leading at the Dish

- Senior **Jordan Bowersox** leads Penn State in batting (.331), runs (26), hits (49), multiple-hit games (13), on-base percentage (.405) and stolen bases (7).
- Bowersox's .331 batting average ranks ninth in the Big Ten.
- He had a career-best 16-game hitting streak halted with an 0-for-4 game against Lafayette (4/24).
- Bowersox's streak ranks as the longest hitting streak by a Nittany Lion since Greg Guers had a 16-game hitting streak in 2015, which is part of a six-way tie for the 11th-longest single-season streak in school history and the 14th longest overall.

All-Time vs. Rutgers

- The Nittany Lions and Scarlet Knights have a unique history from the Atlantic 10 to the NCAA tournament. The series started in 1939 with a Penn State victory in Happy Valley, and the Lions returned the visit in 1940 and claimed another victory. The teams did not meet again until 1949, but played nearly annually from then on until 1991.
- Both teams were members together in the Atlantic 10 Conference from 1984 to 1991 until Penn State departed for the Big Ten in 1992. The two teams did not meet again until Rutgers hosted an NCAA Regional in 2000 in Yogi Berra Stadium in Upper Montclair, N.J. The Nittany Lions won the regional to advance to the Super Regional.
- Until Rutgers played at Penn State in 2015 in its first season in the Big Ten, neither team had visited the other's campus since Penn State visited Piscataway in 1987.
- Rutgers is playing at Penn State for the first time since 2015.

Scouting Rutgers

- Rutgers is 18-24 overall and 7-8 in Big Ten play. The Scarlet Knights swept Michigan State and took two of three from Purdue, but managed just a win each at Ohio State and Iowa and were swept at Michigan last weekend.
- The Scarlet Knights have pitched well in Big Ten games, boasting a 3.29 ERA. They have been led by Tevin Murray, who is 3-0 with a 0.93 ERA in five conference starts.
- Relievers Steven Acosta and Serafino Brito rank first (24) and second (23), respectively, in the Big Ten in appearances, with Brito ranking fourth with eight saves.
- Tim Dezzi (.310) and Mike Nyisztor (.295) lead the team in batting, while Carmen Sclafani has provided the power with five home runs and 27 RBIs.

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PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS (19-20, 2-15 Big Ten)

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School/Last College
2	Conlin Hughes	IF	R/R	Sr.	5-10	185	Holly Springs, N.C. / Holly Springs
3	Cole Bartels	RHP	R/R	R-So.	6-3	195	Belmont, Mass. / Belmont
4	Connor Klemann	IF	R/R	R-Jr.	5-10	185	Royersford, Pa. / Spring-Ford
5	Tommy Gibson	IF	R/R	So.	5-10	175	Williamstown, N.J. / Williamstown
6	Ralph Gambino	RHP	R/R	R-Fr.	5-10	185	Freehold, N.J. / Freehold Township
7	Isaiah Payton	IF	R/R	Fr.	6-1	195	Newark, Del. / The Episcopal Academy
9	Parker Hendershot	IF	R/R	So.	6-2	210	Barton, N.Y. / Tioga Central
10	Brendan Mullins	RHP	R/R	Fr.	6-4	180	Myrtle Beach, S.C. / Toms River North
11	Ryan Stoniger	C/IF	L/R	Sr.	5-11	200	Punxsutawney, Pa. / Punxsutawney Area
12	Eric Mock	RHP	R/R	R-Jr.	6-2	220	Shillington, Pa. / Governor Mifflin
13	Jordan Bowersox	OF	R/R	Sr.	5-10	180	Winter Springs, Fla. / Winter Springs
14	Mac Hippenhammer	OF	S/R	So.	5-11	177	Fort Wayne, Ind. / R. Nelson Snider
15	Austin Riggins	OF	R/R	Sr.	6-0	180	Greer, S.C. / Riverside
17	Curtis Robison	OF/IF	L/L	So.	6-2	225	Dillsburg, Pa. / Northern York
18	Mason Mellott	RHP	R/R	So.	6-0	190	State College, Pa. / State College Area
20	Mason Nadeau	OF	L/R	Jr.	5-10	175	Lansdale, Pa. / North Penn
21	Jeff Taylor	LHP	L/L	So.	6-2	195	Lancaster, Pa. / Penn Manor
22	Derek Orndorff	UTIL	R/R	So.	6-0	200	Mill Run, Pa. / Connelville Area
23	Kris Kremer	IF	R/R	So.	5-10	166	Hershey, Pa. / Hershey
24	Joe Gunn	OF	L/L	Jr.	5-11	205	New Castle, Pa. / Union Area / St. Johns River State
25	Conor Larkin	RHP	R/R	So.	6-1	215	Royersford, Pa. / Spring-Ford Area
27	Shea Sbranti	C/IF	L/R	Sr.	6-0	210	Oakley, Calif. / Freedom / San Joaquin Delta
28	Hutch Gagnon	LHP	L/L	Fr.	6-2	200	Downingtown, Pa. / Downingtown East
31	Dylan Gargas	RHP	R/R	So.	6-5	220	San Diego, Calif. / Canyon Crest Academy / Grossmont College
33	Justin Williams	IF	R/R	Fr.	6-2	200	Mechanicsburg, Pa. / Cumberland Valley
34	Ryan Ford	IF	L/R	Fr.	6-2	190	Freehold, N.J. / Freehold Township
36	Tyler Shingledecker	LHP	R/L	Fr.	6-3	175	Huntersville, N.C. / Hough
37	Steven Miller	RHP	R/R	Fr.	6-1	185	Pittsburgh, Pa. / North Hills
38	Dante Biasi	LHP	L/L	R-So.	6-0	205	Hazle Township, Pa. / Hazleton Area
39	Jacob Padilla	C/IF	R/R	Jr.	5-11	223	Wylie, Texas / Wylie East / Murray State College
40	Gavin Homer	IF	R/R	Jr.	5-9	180	Battle Creek, Mich. / Lakeview / Kellogg C.C.
41	Blake Hodgens	LHP	L/L	Sr.	6-1	190	Tampa, Fla. / Gaither
42	Kyle Virbitsky	RHP	R/R	So.	6-6	235	Media, Pa. / Episcopal Academy
44	Bailey Dees	RHP	R/R	So.	6-7	240	Charlotte, N.C. / Hough
49	Jared Freilich	RHP	R/R	R-So.	6-6	235	Worcester, Mass. / Williston Northhampton / Polk State College

Head Coach: Rob Cooper (Miami (Fla.) '94)

Assistant Coaches: Josh Newman (Ohio State '04), Andre Butler (Eastern '12), Dallas Burke (Missouri Southern State '13),

Austin Urban (Penn State '21) Director of Operations/Player Development: Sean Moore (Iowa '15)

RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS (18-24, 7-8 Big Ten)

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School/Last College
1	Andy Axelson	C	R/R	Fr.	5-11	190	Roxbury, N.J./Roxbury
2	Kevin Welsh	INF	S/R	Jr.	5-9	160	Columbus, N.J./Northern Burlington Regional
3	Anthony Greco	INF	R/R	Jr.	5-8	160	Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y./Chaminade
4	Tim Dezzi	INF	R/R	R-Fr.	5-11	190	Mullica Hill, N.J./Clearview Regional/St. John's
5	Dan DiGeorgio	INF	R/R	R-So.	6-4	200	Staten Island, N.Y./Tottenville
6	Anthony DeRosa	INF	R/R	So.	6-0	195	Little Silver, N.J./Red Bank Catholic
7	Peter Serruto	C	R/R	Fr.	6-2	195	Short Hills, N.J./Millburn
8	Mike Nysztor	INF/OF	R/R	So.	6-3	185	Toms River, N.J./Toms River North
11	Parker Scott	RHP	R/R	Fr.	6-2	210	Ridgewood, N.J./Ridgewood
12	Garrett French	RHP/INF	R/R	Fr.	6-2	180	Red Bank, N.J./Middletown North
14	Eric Reardon	LHP	L/L	Jr.	6-5	215	North Brunswick, N.J./North Brunswick Township
15	Chris Brito	INF	R/R	Fr.	6-2	215	Perth Amboy, N.J./Perth Amboy
16	Tevin Murray	LHP	L/L	Jr.	6-6	215	Ringtown, Pa./North Schuylkill
17	Victor Valderrama	RHP/OF	R/R	Fr.	5-10	165	Miami, Fla./Palmetto
18	Jacob Newman	RHP	R/R	Fr.	6-2	195	Glenview, Ill./Glenbrook South
19	Carmen Sclafani	INF	R/R	Sr.	5-11	200	Toms River, N.J./Brick
20	Jared Bellissimo	LHP	R/L	Fr.	6-1	200	Toms River, N.J./Toms River North
21	Brett Sternberg	OF/1B	L/L	Fr.	6-3	180	Churchville, Pa./Holy Ghost Prep
22	Kyle Gerace	RHP	R/R	Jr.	6-1	180	Linwood, N.J./Mainland Regional
23	Serafino Brito	RHP	R/R	Sr.	6-0	200	Oakland, N.J./Indian Hills
26	Alex Russo	OF	R/R	Fr.	5-10	165	Rockaway, N.J./Morris Hills
27	Tommy Genuario	RHP	R/R	R-Jr.	6-2	200	Saddle Brook, N.J./St. Mary
28	Tyler McNamara	C	R/R	Sr.	6-2	220	East Brunswick, N.J./East Brunswick
29	Luke Bowerbank	OF	L/L	Sr.	5-8	170	Bernardsville, N.J./Bernards
30	Tommy Liu	RHP	R/R	Fr.	6-0	165	San Dimas, Calif./San Dimas
32	Adam Holland	OF	R/R	R-Fr.	5-8	175	Erial, N.J./William Penn Charter
33	David Soto	INF	R/R	Fr.	5-8	160	Brentwood, N.Y./Brentwood
35	Jack Parkinson	RHP	R/R	Jr.	6-1	180	Haddonfield, N.J./St. Augustine Prep/Rowan College at Gloucester County
36	Kyle Muller	RHP	R/R	R-So.	6-3	190	Hamilton, N.J./Steinert
39	Kevin Blum	OF	R/R	R-Jr.	6-1	190	Toms River, N.J./Toms River North
40	Joe Neglia	RHP	R/R	R-So.	6-2	230	Harrington Park, N.J./St. Joseph Regional Montvale
41	Harry Rutkowski	LHP	R/L	So.	6-2	230	Fords, N.J./Woodbridge
44	Steven Acosta	RHP	R/R	R-Jr.	6-0	185	West New York, N.J./Memorial (Stony Brook)
45	Brian Fitzpatrick	LHP	S/L	Fr.	6-7	230	Port Jefferson, N.Y./St. Anthony's
48	Richie Schiekofler	OF	L/R	So.	6-0	175	Millburn, N.J./Millburn (Maryland)

Head Coach: Joe Litterio (Rutgers '94)

Assistant Coaches: Phil Cundari (Seton Hall '89), Jim Duffy (Seton Hall '96), Tom Conley (UMass '12)

Sr. Advisor to the Head Coach: Glen Gardner (Rutgers '88)

Director of Player Development: Peter Barron (St. John's '15)

Director of Baseball Analytics/Video: Chris Liquori (Manhattan '16)

2019 SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 6-0 (0-0 BIG)

Fri.	15	vs. Monmouth ¹	W, 1-0
Sat.	16	vs. Monmouth ¹	W, 7-0
Sun.	17	vs. Monmouth ¹	W, 6-4
Sat.	23	vs. Fairfield ¹	Canceled
Sun.	24	vs. Fairfield ¹	W, 5-4 (11)
Sun.	24	vs. Fairfield ¹	W, 6-5
Mon.	25	vs. Fairfield ¹	W, 4-2

MARCH 8-8 (0-5 BIG)

Fri.	1	vs. No. 21 Duke ²	L, 0-14
Sat.	2	vs. No. 21 Duke ²	W, 8-7
Sun.	3	vs. No. 21 Duke ²	L, 2-9
Fri.	8	at UCF	W, 5-2
Sat.	9	at UCF	L, 3-5
Sun.	10	at UCF	W, 11-5
Tue.	12	at Pittsburgh	W, 7-3
FRI.	15	UMASS LOWELL	W, 3-1
SAT.	16	UMASS LOWELL	W, 7-6
SAT.	16	UMASS LOWELL	CANCELED
SUN.	17	UMASS LOWELL	W, 3-2 (10)
SAT.	23	MINNESOTA *	L, 1-5
SUN.	24	MINNESOTA *	L, 5-7
SUN.	24	MINNESOTA *	L, 6-8
TUE.	26	BINGHAMTON	W, 5-3
Fri.	29	at Purdue *	L, 0-1
Sun.	31	at Purdue *	L, 1-2 (10) Canceled

APRIL 5-12 (2-10 BIG)

TUE.	2	BUCKNELL	W, 9-3
WED.	3	ST. BONAVENTURE	L, 6-18
Fri.	5	at Indiana *	W, 3-0
Sat.	6	at Indiana *	L, 3-5
		at Indiana *	L, 2-3
TUE.	9	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	W, 16-15
WED.	10	PITTSBURGH	L, 2-7
FRI.	12	NEBRASKA *	L, 2-3
SAT.	13	NEBRASKA *	L, 2-4
		NEBRASKA *	L, 1-3
WED.	17	WEST VIRGINIA	CANCELED
Fri.	19	at Illinois *	L, 1-2 (10)
Sat.	20	at Illinois *	L, 6-7
Sun.	21	at Illinois *	L, 3-4
Tue.	23	at West Virginia	Canceled
WED.	24	LAFAYETTE	W, 3-2
FRI.	26	MARYLAND *	L, 2-5
SAT.	27	MARYLAND *	L, 4-6
		MARYLAND *	W, 10-7

MAY 0-0 (0-0 BIG)

FRI.	3	RUTGERS *	6:30 P.M.
SAT.	4	RUTGERS *	2 P.M.
SUN.	5	RUTGERS *	1 P.M.
WED.	8	TOWSON	6:30 P.M.
Fri.	10	at Ohio State *	6:35 p.m.
Sat.	11	at Ohio State *	3:05 p.m.
Sun.	12	at Ohio State *	1:05 p.m.
TUE.	14	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	6:30 P.M.
THU.	16	ARIZONA	6:30 P.M.
FRI.	17	ARIZONA	6:30 P.M.
SAT.	18	ARIZONA	2 P.M.
Wed.-Sun.	22-26	Big Ten Tournament ³	TBD

All home games (in CAPS) at Medlar Field

* Big Ten game

1 - USA Baseball National Training Center - Cary, N.C.

2 - IMG Academy - Bradenton, Fla.

3 - TD Ameritrade Park - Omaha, Neb.