

2008 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

8/28-29	at Missouri Southern Invitational	
8/28	vs. Southeastern Oklahoma	L, 1-3
8/28	vs. Harding	W, 3-1
8/29	vs. Midwestern State	W, 3-0
8/29	vs. Missouri S&T	W, 3-1
9/4-5	at Abilene Christian Tournament	
9/4	vs. Incarnate Word	L, 2-3
9/4	at Abilene Christian	L, 1-3
9/5	vs. Angelo State	W, 3-1
9/5	vs. Cameron	W, 3-2
9/11-12	at Peggy Martin Classic – Central Missouri	
9/11	vs. Edinboro University	W, 3-0
9/11	at No. 12 Central Missouri*	W, 3-0
9/12	vs. St. Mary's (TX)	W, 3-0
9/12	vs. Missouri-St. Louis	W, 3-1
9/18	at Nebraska-Omaha*	7:00
9/20	at Fort Hays*	2:00
9/23	Missouri Western*	7:00
9/25	at Northwest Missouri*	7:00
9/26	at No. 9 Truman*	3:00
10/2-3	Pittsburg State Classic	
10/2	Dallas Baptist University	2:00
	No. 12 Central Missouri*	6:00
	Texas A&M Commerce	10:30
	Abilene Christian	3:00
10/9	No. 3 Emporia State*	7:00
10/10	No. 11 Washburn*	6:00
10/11	Fort Hays*	2:00
10/14	Missouri Southern*	7:00
10/17	Southwest Baptist*	2:00
10/23	Nebraska-Omaha*	7:00
10/24	Alumni (Exhibition)	11:00
10/28	at Missouri Western*	7:00
10/30	Northwest Missouri*	7:00
10/31	No. 9 Truman* (Senior Day)	3:00
11/6	at No. 3 Emporia State	7:00
11/7	at No. 11 Washburn	2:00
11/11	at Missouri Southern	7:00
11/14	at Southwest Baptist	2:00
11/19-21	NCAA Div II Regionals	TBA
12/3-5	NCAA Div II Finals	TBA

MATCHES 13 & 14

AT NEBRASKA-OMAHA & FORT HAYS STATE

SEPTEMBER 18 & 20

SAPP FIELDHOUSE - OMAHA, NEB.

GROSS MEMORIAL COLISEUM - HAYS, KAN.

This weekend marks the first full weekend of play for the Gorillas (9-3, 1-0 MIAA), who opened the conference portion of the season last weekend with a 3-0 win over No. 8 Central Missouri.

Pitt State will first travel to Omaha, Neb. to take on the UNO Lady Mavs (11-3, 1-0 MIAA) at 7 p.m. on Friday, followed by a 2 p.m. match against Fort Hays State (4-9, 1-0 MIAA) on Sunday.

The Gorillas are 114-196 in conference action since joining the MIAA in 1989. That record improves to 74-86 since Head Coach Ibraheem Suberu took over the program in 1999 and to 30-17 over the last three seasons.

Up Next: Pitt State finally gets to play a home match. The Gorillas will face Missouri Western at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at John Lance Arena.

SCOUTING THE GORILLAS

As a team, the Gorillas are averaging 16.17 points per set and hitting at a .232 clip with an average of 13.3 kills per set. The team also records 16.43 digs per set and 1.43 blocks per set. The Gorillas aggressive serving styles garners them 1.35 aces per set.

Pitt State is led by senior outside hitter Pamela Cartagena, who does a lot for the Gorillas offensively and defensively. She averages 4.52 points per set, including a team-leading 4.27 kills per set. She also is second on the team in digs with 3.93 per set. She has 12 total blocks on the season, including three solo blocks.

Senior Emily Vosseler keeps the offense running from the setter position and averages 10.8 assists per set. She is also becoming more of a threat in other ways as well. She has already recorded 15 blocks and 22 kills on the season, both more than she did all of last season. She has also recorded 78 digs in 12 matches, just over half of the 150 she had over 35 matches in 2008.

Cassie Wilson is the team's leader in digs with 4.15 per set.

It is the new players who are leading the Gorillas in blocking. Junior Molly Bergkamp and freshman Leah Flynn each have 21 blocks on the season. Freshman Brooke Fay is not far behind with 19.

Sophomore Corrinne Stringer and Bergkamp are also strong contributors offensively. Stringer averages 2.85 kills per set, second only to Cartagena, while Bergkamp averages 2.30.

SCOUTING THE LADY MAVS

UNO is 11-3 on the season and 1-0 in MIAA play. The Lady Mavs opened conference play with a 3-1 (25-22, 25-18, 23-25, 25-21) win over Missouri Southern in Joplin on Wednesday. Their three losses came at the hands of Nebraska-Kearney, 3-2, Florida Southern, 3-1 and Minnesota Duluth, 3-1.

The team averages 17.68 points per set, including 14.10 kills, 1.71 aces and 1.87 blocks per set. The Lady Mavs are hitting at a .272 clip.

Ellen Thommes leads the team with 4.12 points per set. She is the team leader at the net, hitting .427 with 3.29 kills and 1.12 blocks per set. Also averaging more than two kills per set are Kelli Goeser (3.06 kps), Sara Kampschnieder (2.98 kps), Lizzy Mach (2.18 kps) and Kayla Uhing (2.00 kps). Emily Myers is the team's setter with 11.14 assists per set. Angie Reicks records 4.35 digs per set and is the only player averaging three or more digs per set.

SCOUTING THE TIGERS

Fort Hays State is 4-9 overall and 1-0 in the conference. The team opened MIAA play with a 3-2 (19-25, 21-25, 28-26, 25-19, 15-7), come-from-behind win over Missouri Western in St. Joseph.

2009 PITT STATE VOLLEYBALL

NO	NAME	POS	HT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
1	Emily Vosseler	S	5-10	SR	2L	Leavenworth, Kan./Immaculata High School
2	Riann Deere	DS/L	5-3	JR	TR	Lansing, Kan./Neosho County Community College
3	Pamela Cartagena	OH	5-7	SR	3L	Bayamon, Puerto Rico/Thompson High School
4	Molly Bergkamp	M/OH	5-9	JR	TR	Blue Rapids, Kan./Hutchinson Community College
5	Brooke Fay	M/OH	6-0	FR	HS	Parkville, Mo./Park Hill South High School
7	Andrea Torres	MB	6-1	FR	HS	Cochabamba, Bolivia/Colegia Aleman Frederico
8	Tesia Lahm	DS/L	5-6	SO	SQ	Carl Junction, Mo./Carl Junction High School
9	Samantha Franiuk	OH/RS	5-10	SO	SQ	Tonganoxie, Kan./Tonganoxie High School
10	Corrinne Stringer	OH	6-0	SO	TR	Topeka, Kan./University of Kansas
11	Cassie Wilson	DS/L	5-10	JR	1L	Pittsburg, Kan./Pittsburg High School
12	Leah Flynn	OH/RS	5-11	FR	HS	Topeka, Kan./Hayden High School
14	Rebecca Pearson	S	5-8	FR	HS	Kansas City, Mo./St. Pius X High School
16	Shannon Majors	OH	5-8	FR	HS	Topeka, Kan./Washburn Rural High School
20	Brook Jansen	M/RS	5-11	FR	HS	Shawnee, Kan./St. James Academy

Head Coach: Ibraheem Suberu (Park, Mo., 1993) - 11th Season
Assistant Coach: Lindsay Sowder-Hill (Pittsburg State, 2003) - Second Season
Student Assistant: Kaitlyn Smith - First Season
Manager: Wes Book - Second Season

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE		Samantha FRANIUK	fron-YOOK
Name	Sounds Like	TESIA LAHM	teh-SHA LAM
Pamela CARTAGENA	cart-uh-HEY-na	IBRAHEEM SUBERU	EE-bra-heem Soo-ber-oo
RIANN Deere	RYAN		

As a team, the Tigers average 15.59 points per game. They are hitting .145 with 12.48 kills per game, with assists on 11.72 of those kills. The team has 77.0 total blocks on the season for 1.67 blocks per game. The back court averages 14.52 digs per game.

Lilian Rezende is the team's leader with 4.75 points per set. She hits .221 with 4.04 kills per set. She is also strong in the back court with 3.09 digs per game which ranks second on the team. She is one of four Tigers with 20 or more blocks on the season, with 23.

Whitney Liggett and Lindsey Larson share setter duties. Liggett has the bulk of the assists with 6.85 per game, while Larson gets 3.89.

Defensively, Tracie Hileman anchors the back court with 3.91 digs per set. At the net, Rebecca Mausbach leads the team with 33 total blocks (7 solo, 24 assisted). Lydia Karnopp (25) and Amber Hockman (24) also have more than 20 blocks on the season.

THE COACHES

Pitt State head coach Ibraheem Suberu is 192-160 in his 11th season at Pittsburg State. He is the winningest coach in program history and is just eight wins from reaching the 200 wins plateau.

Nebraska-Omaha head coach Rose Shires is 381-209 in her 20th season at UNO.

Kurt Kohler is in his first season at Fort Hays State.

PSU VS. NEBRASKA-OMAHA

UNO leads the all-time series with the Gorillas 2-6. The two teams split meetings last season, with each team winning on its home court. The Gorillas won the first meeting 3-0 (25-15, 25-18, 25-20) in Pittsburg on Sept. 19. The Lady Mavs took the second match, 3-2 (25-20, 25-21, 24-26, 23-25, 15-12) on Oct. 24. The box scores from both matches follow.

MATCH 13, PSU VS. NEBRASKA-OMAHA, SEPT. 19, 2008 • PITTSBURG, KAN.

Nebraska-Omaha															
##	Name	SPI	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
4	Myers, Emily	3	0	0	1	.000	11	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
6	Mach, Lizzy	3	3	1	5	.400	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
8	Thommes, Ellen	3	6	4	15	.133	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1
9	Uhing, Kayla	3	7	5	27	0.74	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0
10	Kampschneider, Sara	3	5	6	29	-.034	0	0	2	0	5	0	2	1	0
17	Hanssen, Brittany	3	4	2	11	.182	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
1	Rice, Annie	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
2	Jansen, Kayla	3	0	0	0	.000	3	2	1	0	9	0	0	0	0
5	Reicks, Angie	3	0	0	2	.000	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
7	Knobbe, Kayla	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Allison, Jenna	3	0	4	8	-.500	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0
16	Tooley, Jamie	3	0	0	1	.000	8	0	2	0	12	0	0	0	1
Totals		3	25	22	99	.030	22	2	7	2	38	1	14	2	2

Pittsburg State															
##	Name	SPI	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
1	Vosseler, Emily	3	0	0	0	.000	22	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2
3	Cartagena, Pamela	3	15	3	27	.444	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0
5	Williams, Sammie	3	10	5	28	.179	3	0	0	0	11	1	0	0	0
7	Igbinijie, Linda	3	7	3	20	.200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
12	Grelowska, Klaudia	3	6	3	11	.273	1	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0
18	Finney, Valeen	3	3	4	13	-.077	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
4	Ball, Samantha	1	0	0	0	.000	11	2	2	0	3	0	0	0	0
8	Lahm, Tesia	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
9	Franiuk, Samantha	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Quall, Lindsay	3	1	1	6	.000	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
11	Wilson, Cassie	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	9	0	0	0	0
Totals		3	42	19	118	.219	39	2	4	2	47	3	0	1	2

Game Scores	1	2	3	4	5	Team Records
Pittsburg State	25	25	25			11-2, 1-1 MIAA
Nebraska-Omaha	15	18	20			5-7, 1-1 MIAA

MATCH 27, PSU AT NEBRASKA-OMAHA, OCTOBER 24, 2008 - OMAHA, NEB.

Pittsburg State

##	Name	SP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
1	Vosseler, Emily	5	3	0	11	.273	5	2	1	0	9	0	2	0	0
3	Cartagena, Pamela	5	11	8	44	.068	2	0	0	1	30	0	2	0	1
5	Williams, Sammie	5	16	5	52	.212	0	0	1	1	8	0	0	0	1
7	Igbinigie, Linda	5	9	4	23	.217	1	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0
10	Quall, Lindsay	5	8	4	32	.125	1	0	2	0	10	0	1	0	0
12	Grelowska, Klaudia	5	13	8	41	.122	0	1	3	0	7	0	1	0	0
8	Lahm, Tesia	5	0	0	0	.000	1	1	3	0	9	0	0	0	0
11	Wilson, Cassie	5	0	0	1	.000	0	1	2	5	22	0	0	0	1
Totals		5	60	29	204	.152	56	5	11	7	97	0	10	0	3

Nebraska-Omaha

##	Name	SP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
4	Myers, Emily	5	2	2	14	.000	5	2	1	0	13	0	2	1	4
5	Reicks, Angie	5	0	0	2	.000	1	2	2	1	14	0	0	0	0
6	Mach, Lizzy	5	7	3	24	.167	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	0
8	Thommes, Ellen	5	15	2	39	.333	1	1	0	0	6	0	7	0	1
10	Kampschneider, Sara	5	19	11	68	.118	0	1	1	2	14	0	1	0	0
11	Goeser, Kelli	5	16	3	38	.342	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	0	0
1	Rice, Annie	5	0	0	3	.000	4	2	0	0	23	0	0	0	0
2	Jansen, Kayla	5	0	1	2	-.500	3	1	2	1	24	0	0	0	0
17	Hanssen, Brittany	5	3	4	16	-.062	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0
Totals		5	62	26	206	.175	61	7	6	5	105	0	22	1	5

Game Scores

Pittsburg State	20	21	26	25	12
Nebraska-Omaha	25	25	24	23	15

Team Records

21-6, 7-5 MIAA
11-12, 7-5 MIAA

PSU VS. FORT HAYS STATE

Pitt State has a 18-26 all-time record against Fort Hays State. Despite the overall record being in the Tigers' favor, the Gorillas have won each of the last seven meetings and have not lost a match to Fort Hays since Coach Suberu's first season at Pitt State.

Last season the Gorillas won both match, 3-0, winning by scores of 25-20, 25-18 and 25-21 in Pittsburg on Oct. 8, and 25-15, 25-14, 25-10 in Hays on Nov. 5. The box scores from both matches follow.

MATCH 22, PSU VS. FORT HAYS ST., OCTOBER 8, 2008 - PITTSBURG, KS.

Fort Hays State

##	Name	SP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
1	Hoffman, Whitney	3	1	0	1	1.000	3	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	1
7	Rezende, Lilian	3	14	6	32	.250	1	0	1	1	10	0	1	0	0
11	Roberts, Leanna	3	7	3	16	.250	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
18	Hileman, Tracie	3	7	8	30	-.033	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	1	0
20	Tonniges, Alissa	3	2	1	8	.125	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
21	Faulkner, Jessica	3	5	4	18	.056	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
5	Lapham, Katelyn	3	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	3	19	0	0	0	0
6	Karnopp, Lydia	3	1	2	9	-.111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Liggett, Whitney	3	0	0	0	.000	4	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1
12	Kern, Samatha	3	0	1	1	-.067	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0
Totals		3	37	25	115	.104	36	2	5	5	48	0	4	1	2

Pittsburg State

##	Name	SP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
1	Vosseler, Emily	3	0	0	1	.000	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
3	Cartagena, Pamela	3	8	3	22	.227	2	0	1	1	10	1	1	0	0
5	Williams, Sammie	3	12	4	26	.308	1	2	1	0	10	0	1	0	0
7	Igbinigie, Linda	3	5	0	15	.333	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
10	Quall, Lindsay	3	5	2	14	.214	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1
12	Grelowska, Klaudia	3	7	1	13	.462	1	3	3	0	5	0	1	0	0
4	Ball, Samantha	3	0	0	0	.000	14	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0
11	Wilson, Cassie	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	10	0	0	0	0
14	Redmond, Molly	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
18	Finney, Valeen	3	1	2	15	-.067	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Totals		3	38	12	106	.245	36	5	7	2	49	2	8	0	1

Game Scores

Pittsburg State	25	25	25
Fort Hays State	20	18	21

Team Records

19-3, 5-2 MIAA
8-11, 1-5 MIAA

PERSONNEL BREAKDOWN

Starters Returning (3)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
Pamela Cartagena	OH/RS	5-7	Sr.
Emily Vosseler	S	5-10	Sr.
Cassie Wilson	DS	5-10	Jr.

Starters Lost (5)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
Valeen Finney	OH/RS	6-1	So.
Klaudia Grelowska	OH/RS	6-1	Sr.
Linda Igbinigie	MB	6-4	Sr.
Lindsay Quall	MB/RS	5-10	Sr.
Sammie Williams	RS/OPP	6-1	Sr.

Letterwinners Lost (1)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
Samantha Ball	S	5-8	Fr.

Squadmembers Returning (2)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
Samantha Franiuik	OH/RS	5-10	So.
Tesia Lahm	DS	5-6	So.

Newcomers (9)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
Molly Bergkamp	MB/OH	5-9	Jr.
Riann Deere	DS	5-3	Jr.
Brooke Fay	MB/OH	6-0	Fr.
Leah Flynn	OH/RS	5-11	Fr.
Brook Jansen	MB/RS	5-11	Fr.
Shannon Majors	OH	5-8	Fr.
Rebecca Pearson	S	5-8	Fr.
Corrinne Stringer	OH	6-0	So.
Andrea Torres	MB	6-1	Fr.

Seniors (2)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Exp.
Pamela Cartagena	OH	5-7	3L
Emily Vossesler	S	5-10	2L

Juniors (2)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Exp.
Molly Bergkamp	MB/OH	5-9	TR
Riann Deere	DS	5-3	TR

Sophomore (3)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Exp.
Samantha Franiuik	OH/RS	5-10	SQ
Tesia Lahm	DS	5-6	SQ
Corrinne Stringer	OH	6-0	TR

Freshmen (6)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Exp.
Brooke Fay	MB/OH	6-0	Fr.
Leah Flynn	OH/RS	5-11	Fr.
Brook Jansen	MB/RS	5-11	Fr.
Shannon Majors	OH	5-8	Fr.
Rebecca Pearson	S	5-8	Fr.
Andrea Torres	MB	6-1	Fr.

MATCH 31, PSU AT FORT HAYS ST., NOVEMBER 5, 2008 • HAYS, KAN.

Pittsburg State

#	Name	SP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
1	Vosseler, Emily	3	0	0	1	.000	19	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0
3	Cartagena, Pamela	3	11	1	23	.435	2	0	0	0	16	0	3	1	0
5	Williams, Sammie	3	11	1	32	.312	0	0	0	0	9	0	2	0	0
7	Igbinijie, Linda	3	8	1	17	.412	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
12	Grelowska, Klaudia	3	5	2	14	.214	0	1	0	0	10	0	1	1	0
18	Finney, Valeen	3	4	1	12	.250	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
4	Ball, Samantha	3	0	0	0	.000	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
8	Lahm, Tesia	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
10	Quall, Lindsay	2	1	1	9	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0
11	Wilson, Cassie	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
14	Redmond, Molly	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Totals		3	40	7	108	.306	33	1	1	0	57	0	14	2	0

Fort Hays State

#	Name	SP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
1	Hoffman, Whitney	3	0	0	1	.000	20	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0
7	Rezende, Lilian	3	8	4	28	.143	0	0	1	0	8	0	1	0	0
11	Roberts, Leanna	3	3	3	17	.000	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0
12	Kern, Samatha	3	2	7	14	-.357	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0
20	Tonniges, Alissa	3	7	5	20	.100	1	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	1
21	Faulkner, Jessica	3	6	2	12	.333	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
5	Lapham, Katelyn	3	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
6	Karnopp, Lydia	1	1	1	5	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
8	Mausbach, Rebecca	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Liggett, Whitney	3	0	0	0	.000	7	0	1	1	13	0	0	0	0
18	Hileman, Tracie	3	4	6	24	-.083	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals		3	31	28	115	-.025	31	0	4	1	56	0	2	1	1

Game Scores

	1	2	3	4	5	Team Records
Pittsburg State	25	25	25			24-7, 10-6 MIAA
Fort Hays State	15	14	10			9-21, 2-14 MIAA

LAST TIME OUT

Pitt State went 4-0, dropping only one set, in the UCM Peggy Martin Classic in Warrensburg, Mo. last weekend.

Friday night, the Pittsburg State Volleyball team (7-3, 1-0 MIAA) won its first two games in the UCM Peggy Martin Classic, including a 3-0 (25-23, 25-19, 25-22) win over the host school in the conference opener for both teams. In the first game of the day, the Gorillas defeated Edinboro, 3-0 (26-24, 25-16, 25-21).

Pitt State outhit the Jennies .240 to .178 and outblocked them 6-4. Senior Pamela Cartagena led the team with 15 kills and added 15 digs for a double-double. Sophomore Corrinne Stringer tallied 11 kills and added three blocks (one solo and two assisted). Junior Cassie Wilson led the team with 17 digs. Freshman Brooke Fay also had double digit digs with 10. Junior Molly Bergkamp was also strong at the net, contributing three block assists.

No UCM player recorded more than 10 kills on the night.

In the first game of the day, Pitt State easily swept Edinboro in three sets.

Cartagena also led the Pitt State offense against Edinboro, recording 14 kills. Stringer added 11 kills. Wilson was the only player with double figure digs for Pitt State, with 18 for the match.

The Pittsburg State Volleyball team (9-3, 1-0 MIAA) wrapped up the UCM Peggy Martin Classic Saturday with wins over St. Marys, 3-0 (25-19, 25-19, 25-21), and Missouri-St. Louis, 3-1 (25-20, 25-18, 16-25, 34-32).

Sophomore Corrinne Stringer was led the Pitt State offense with 13 kills in the match against St. Marys. She was the only player in double figures in kills or digs. Junior Cassie Wilson led the team with eight digs. Senior setter Emily Vosseler served up four aces in the match.

After a bit of a rest against St. Mary's, senior Pamela Cartagena came alive against Missouri-St. Louis with 20 kills and 18 digs. Stringer added 16 kills, while junior Molly Bergkamp reorded 11. Bergkamp also added a team-high four block assists. Wilson again led the Gorillas in digs with 22. Vosseler added 15.

CARTAGENA NAMED MIAA HITTER OF THE WEEK

Pitt State senior outside hitter Pamela Cartagena has been named the MIAA Hitter of the Week, as voted on by a committee of conference SIDs, the league announced Monday.

Cartagena was named Most Valuable Player of the UCM Peggy Martin Classic as she led the Gorillas to a 4-0 record in the tournament, including a conference-opening win over No. 8 Central Missouri. She finished the weekend hitting at a .310 clip with 54 kills. Cartagena recorded double-doubles against Central Missouri (15 kills, 15 digs) and Missouri-St. Louis (20 kills, 18 digs). The 20 kills against Missouri-St. Louis marks the third time this season she has recorded 20 or more kills in a match. Cartagena averaged 4.50 kills and 3.92 digs per set. She also added three blocks and an ace and averaged 4.71 points per set.

For the season, Cartagena averages 4.27 kills and 3.93 digs per set. Against Missouri-St. Louis, she recorded her 1,500th career kill, making her only the third player in PSU Volleyball history to record 1,500 or more kills. Cartagena is also now one of only two players in program history to have more than 1,500 kills and 1,500 digs in her career.

Cartagena is a two-time All-American from Bayamon, Puerto Rico. She is majoring in recreation and is the daughter of Pedro and Felicita Cartagena.

THREE NAMED TO PEGGY MARTIN CLASSIC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Senior outside hitter Pamela Cartagena was named the Peggy Martin Classic Most Valuable Player, while senior setter Emily Vossler and sophomore outside hitter Corrinne Stringer took up two more spots on the six person All-Tournament team.

Cartagena was named MVP after leading the Gorillas with 4.50 kills per set on the weekend, while hitting at a .310 clip. She also averaged 3.92 digs per set, as she recorded two double-doubles. She tallied 15 kills and 15 digs in PSU's MIAA-opening win over No. 8 Central Missouri and added 20 kills and 18 digs in the win over Missouri-St. Louis. She also added three block assists and a service ace.

Vosseler averaged 11.31 assists per game. She earned a double-double in the win over UMSL as she recorded 50 assists and tied her season-high with 15 digs. She recorded a career-high four service aces in the win over St. Mary's and added two more against Missouri-St. Louis. Vosseler also added six kills and three block assists to the team effort on the weekend.

Stringer averaged 3.92 kills per set and hit .256 over the weekend's four matches. She recorded double digit kills in each of the matches, leading the Gorillas with 13 kills against St. Mary's and recording a career-high 16 against UMSL. She also added five blocks and 18 digs for the weekend.

RANKINGS

After the win over No. 8 Central Missouri last weekend, the Gorillas are back in the top 25. Pitt State is now No. 22 in the AVCA Division II Top 25 Poll. The Gorillas had dropped out of the poll briefly in Week 2.

PSU again started the season as the No. 17 team in the country according to the AVCA Coaches Top 25 Preseason Poll. The Gorillas are slated to play eight matches against teams ranked in the preseason poll, with all of those matches being in conference action. PSU's highest ranked opponent is Emporia State at No. 3.

"This year's team understands its pre-season No. 17 ranking is because of the respect for what the Pitt State Volleyball program has become," said Head Coach Ibraheem Suberu. "They are working hard to earn their own identity."

GORILLAS IN CONFERENCE STATS

As a team, the Gorillas are fifth in hitting percentage, assists and kills. The team is second in digs behind only Central Missouri. They are ninth in service aces ad last in both opponent hitting percentage and blocks.

Individually, Pamela Cartagena leads the league in kills with 4.27 per set. She is also seventh in digs with 3.93 per set and second in points (4.52 pps). Emily Vosseler is

fourth in assists with 10.87 per set and ninth in aces with 0.37 per set. Cassie Wilson ranks fifth in the league in digs with 4.15 per set.

Cartagena has three of the top 10 kills performances in the league thus far this season. Her 30 kills against Cameron rank as the top single match performance in the league this season. Vosseler's 64 assists against Cameron is the top assists performance in the league this season. Molly Bergkamp's seven aces against Midwestern state are the most in a single match by a MIAA player this season.

STREAKY SCHEDULE

This season's schedule is quite streaky. The Gorillas begin the season with 14 straight matches on the road and play only one home match in September. Then October hits. The Gorillas open the month hosting the Pitt State Classic sponsored by Holiday Inn Express on Oct. 2 and 3 and will play 10 straight matches at home. They play only one match on the road in October. The last home match of the season is on Halloween, as PSU hits the road again in November.

CLOSING IN ON 200

Head Coach Ibraheem Suberu is closing in on his 200th win at Pitt State. His record three weeks into his 11th season in Pittsburg is 192-160. He is just eight wins from the 200 wins plateau.

Suberu is already the winningest head coach in the program's history. On Sept. 19, 2006, Suberu collected his 113th win at PSU to pass Joan Warrington on the school's all-time coaching victories list. He collected his 150th win on Oct. 16, 2007 in a three-set match against Rockhurst.

RECORDS WATCH

Pamela Cartagena could set new records for both career kills and career digs this season. She is currently third on the kills list with 1,503. Though that is still 322 away from the record of 1,825 set by Sammie Williams just last season, Cartagena needs only to average 14.6 kills in each of the regular season matches remaining. She has averaged 16 per match for the first eight matches of the season.

Cartagena is second on the all-time digs list with 1,895. She needs 431 for the school record, which is currently 2,326 set by Dina Wathan from 2000-03. This record will be a bit harder to attain, as she needs to average 19.5 digs a game.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS

There are two crucial pieces to the 2009 Pitt State squad earning its own identity ... and its own spot in the rankings. Those crucial pieces are its seniors, outside hitter Pamela Cartagena (5-7, Bayamon, Puerto Rico) and senior Emily Vosseler (5-10, Leavenworth, Kan.). Both are fifth-year seniors and they will be relied on for their experience and leadership.

Cartagena is no stranger to the rigors of the Pitt State schedule and the competitiveness of the teams the squad will face, especially in league play. Because of that experience and her ability to score points, Cartagena must be the anchor for her young team. In the past, Cartagena has had a strong cast of supporting veteran players around her. She has been one of several stars on the court, now she will be the main star that the offensive and defensive schemes revolve around.

"We will rely on Pamela to carry a big part of our offense and defense," Suberu said. "She will have to be the person that our pass defense and attack flows through more than in the past.

Vosseler's role will be to be a steadying factor on the court for all the young players. Her experience on the court the last three years and as a starter last year give her the skills to be a more consistent player. Her consistency at setter is necessary for a smoothly run offense. At the end of last season, Vosseler also began to take on a bigger defensive role, as she put up bigger numbers of blocks and digs. That trend will continue this season as her experience will be valuable both at the net and in the back court.

Junior Cassie Wilson (5-10, Pittsburg, Kan.) is the third Gorilla player who saw considerable time on the court in 2008. Her role will continue to expand in 2009, so much, in fact, that Coach Suberu describes her position as a utility player. In addition to a continued defensive role in the back court, Wilson will also be relied on contribute offensively in the front court as well.

"Cassie has fashioned a very important role for herself as someone who can play both offensively and defensively," Suberu said. "Her role will change match to match, based on where she is most needed. She is capable of being dominant as a libero, as well as provide stability at the net as an offensive player."

SETTERS

Training behind Vosseler at the setter position will be freshman Becca Pearson (5-8, Kansas City, Mo./St. Pius X High School). Pearson has a strong presence on the court, good energy and communications skills and good defensive skills. As she works on more consistency in her set location and decision making, she will become more capable of being a bigger contributor.

OUTSIDE/RIGHTSIDE HITTERS

The outside/rightside hitter positions have a returner with one year of experience and two newcomers joining Cartagena. Sophomore Samantha Franiuk (5-10, Tonganoxie, Kan.) saw limited action last season, but came on during the spring and in early preseason practices. She has established herself as a point scorer, reads schemes better and has expanded her shot making range. Sophomore Corrinne Stringer (6-0, Topeka, Kan.) joins the Pitt State squad from the University of Kansas. She is a very physical player. She is adjusting to the Pitt State system very well and since arriving in Pittsburg has improved her range, form, footwork and passing. She will be counted on to produce points. Freshman Shannon Majors (5-8, Topeka, Kan./Washburn Rural High School) has a very good volleyball IQ and is evolving to be a physical force. She is improving her speed and vertical elevation so she will be able to play above the net consistently.

MIDDLE BLOCKERS

Five new players will be competing for spots in middle blocker positions. Junior Molly Bergkamp (5-9, Blue Rapids, Kan.) transferred to Pitt State from Hutchinson Community College. She will play middle blocker/outside hitter. She is quick and aggressive and her quickness will be an asset in the Gorilla's blocking defense. She will be able to produce points and will be a leader on the court. Junior Sydney Pemberton (6-2, Overland Park, Kan.) developed a high volleyball IQ while playing the last two seasons at Johnson County Community College. She will be a force in both middle blocker and right side hitter positions as she is capable of high point production and is a defensive force at the net. Freshman Brooke Fay (6-0, Parkville, Mo./Park Hill South High School) is a very athletic middle blocker/outside hitter with tremendous range. She possesses advanced blocking skills and is working on learning the rhythm of the Pitt State offense. Freshman Leah Flynn (5-11, Topeka, Kan./Hayden High School) has the potential to be a 3-to-4-point scorer per set. She has the ability to be multi-dimensional in her offensive role and has caught on quickly during preseason. Freshman Brook Jansen's (5-11, Shawnee, Kan./St. James Academy) attention to detail, determination to excel and understanding of the game will allow her to become a dependable point scorer for the Gorillas, whether in a middle blocker or rightside hitter position. If she continues the progress she has made in preseason, she will see more time as the season progresses.

DEFENSIVE SPECIALISTS

Pitt State has two players focusing as defensive specialists in 2009. Junior Riann Deere (5-3, Lansing, Kan.) transferred from Neosho Community College where she played libero for two seasons. She is a quick, high energy player, who is very team oriented. She will be able to provide the Gorillas with consistent passing, providing shut down, ball off the floor defense that is necessary to give the offense second and third chances to score points. Sophomore Tesia Lahm (5-6, Carl Junction, Mo.) has improved her communication skills and her vocal presence has been impressive in preseason



workouts. That improved communication has helped her improve as a passer and defensive stopper. She will be counted on to contribute significantly this season.