

2009 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. 8 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 No. 20 Nebraska-Omaha*	L, 2-3
9/20	at Fort Hays*	W, 3-1
9/23	Missouri Western*	W, 3-0
9/25	at Northwest Missouri*	W, 3-0
9/26	at No. 20 Truman*	L, 1-3
10/2-3	Pittsburg State Classic	
10/2	Dallas Baptist University	2:00
	No. 5 Central Missouri*	6:00
	Texas A&M Commerce	10:30
	Abilene Christian	3:00
10/9	No. 6 Emporia State*	7:00
10/10	No. 9 Washburn*	6:00
10/11	Fort Hays*	2:00
10/14	Missouri Southern*	7:00
10/17	Southwest Baptist*	2:00
10/23	No. 15 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. 20 Truman* (Senior Day)	3:00
11/6	at No. 6 Emporia State	7:00
11/7	at No. 9 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 18-21

PITT STATE CLASSIC

OCT. 2 & 3 • JOHN LANCE ARENA

Pittsburg State returns home for nearly the entire month of October after spending all but one match in September on the road. The Gorillas open the month with the Pitt State Classic sponsored by Holiday Inn Express. The seven team tournament features 14 matches over two days and includes a MIAA conference match between Pitt State and Central Missouri on Friday at 6 p.m.

Tournament Teams: Pittsburg State (MIAA), Central Missouri (MIAA), Missouri Southern (MIAA), Abilene Christian (Lone Star), Texas A&M Commerce (Lone Star), Newman (Heartland), Dallas Baptist (Heartland)

Tournament Schedule:

Friday, Oct. 2

	Center Court	Sport Court
10 a.m.	TAMUC vs. DBU	
Noon	MSSU vs. NU	
2 p.m.	DBU vs. PSU	ACU vs. UCM
4 p.m.		TAMUC vs. NU
6 p.m.	PSU vs. UCM	ACU vs. MSSU

Saturday, Oct. 3

9:30 a.m.	DBU vs. MSSU	
10:30 a.m.		TAMUC vs. PSU
11:30 a.m.	ACU vs. NU	
1 p.m.		DBU vs. UCM
2 p.m.	TAMUC vs. MSSU	
3 p.m.		ACU vs. PSU
4:30 p.m.	NU vs. UCM	

Up Next: Pitt State plays three matches next weekend at home, with two of the three being against top 10 programs. The Gorillas face No. 6 Emporia State on Friday at 7 p.m., No. 9 Washburn at 6 p.m. on Saturday and Fort Hays State at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

SCOUTING THE GORILLAS

The Gorillas come into this weekend's tournament with a 12-5 record overall and a 4-2 record in MIAA play.

As a team, the Gorillas are averaging 16.45 points per set and hitting at a .225 clip with an average of 13.5 kills per set. The team also records 16.77 digs per set and 1.62 blocks per set. The Gorillas aggressive serving style garners them 1.31 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 4.48 points per set, including a team-leading 4.20 kills per set. She also is second on the team in digs with 4.00 per set.

Senior Emily Vosseler keeps the offense running from the setter position and averages 11.0 assists per set. She is also becoming more of a threat in other ways as well. She has already recorded 22 blocks and 31 kills on the season, both more than she did all of last season. She has also recorded 123 digs in 17 matches, just 27 short of the 150 she had over 35 matches in 2008.

Cassie Wilson is the team's leader in digs with 4.35 per set.

It is the new players who are leading the Gorillas in blocking. Freshman Brooke Fay leads the team with 38, while fellow freshman Lead Flynn is just behind with 32. Junior Molly Bergkamp and sophomore Corrine Stringer are also not far from 30 blocks with 27 and 25, respectively.

Sophomore Corinne Stringer and Bergkamp are also strong contributors offensively. Stringer averages 2.95 kills per set, second only to Cartagena, while Bergkamp averages 2.48.

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

Name	Sounds Like
Pamela CARTAGENA	cart-uh-HEY-na
RIANN Deere	RYAN

Samantha FRANIUK
TESIA LAHM
IBRAHEEM SUBERU

fron-YOOK
teh-SHA LAM
EE-bra-heem Soo-ber-oo

SCOUTING DALLAS BAPTIST

Dallas Baptist is 8-7 on the season. The team averages 15.36 points per set, including 11.86 kills, 1.19 aces and 2.31 blocks per set. The Patriots are hitting at a .144 clip.

Kristen Secord and Kaylyn Frink are the team's kills leaders with 2.69 and 2.76 kills per game, respectively. May Allen and Christina Steinkruger share time at setter with Allen averaging 5.81 assists per set and Steinkruger, 3.95 aps. Amanda Emmert leads the team with 5.53 digs per set. Claire Stephens is the blocking leader with 1.12 blocks per set. She has 11 solo blocks and 52 block assists.

SCOUTING CENTRAL MISSOURI

The No. 5 Jennies are 15-3 on the season and 5-1 in MIAA play. Their only MIAA loss came at the hand of the Gorillas in the opening match of the conference season. The other two losses were both to No. 1 Concordia-St. Paul.

The Jennies average 17.63 points per set, including 13.85 kills, 1.25 service aces and 2.53 blocks. Central Missouri is the top blocking team in the league, with two players Paula Harris and Brady Peniston, who have already recorded over 60 blocks a piece on the season.

Allie Huffman leads the team with 3.29 kills per set. Harris averages 2.99 kills per set and hits at a .291 clip. Peniston has the top hitting percentage at .323. Caitlin Pankratz is the team's setter, averaging 10.62 assists per set. Rachel Fister leads the team in digs with 5.08 per set.

SCOUTING TEXAS A&M COMMERCE

Texas A&M Commerce is 15-4 on the season. Their losses have been to St. Edward's, Minnesota State-Morrhead, Northwest Missouri and No. 7 West Texas A&M.

The Lions average 15.12 points per set including 12.37 kills, 1.35 aces and 1.40 blocks per set. They are hitting .199 as a team.

Naomi Mays leads the team with 3.36 kills per set. Terra Ousley has the best hitting percentage, hitting at a .286 clip. Amy Addison and Rachel Robertson each average

over two kills per set. Perla Faudoa is the team's setter, dishing out 9.89 assists per set.

Defensively, Lauren Flynn leads the team with 6.26 digs per set. Faudoa and Addison also get over two digs a set. Roberston and Ousley are the team's blocking leaders with 34 and 42 total blocks on the season, respectively.

SCOUTING ABILENE CHRISTIAN

Abilene Christian is 12-4 on the season. Their four losses have been to No. 7 West Texas A&M, Minnesota State (receiving votes), Nebraska-Omaha and No. 9 Truman. Three of their four losses came in the first week of the season.

As a team, ACU averages 16.72 points per set with 12.67 kills, 1.47 service aces and 2.57 blocks per set. The team is hitting .211 on the season.

Shawna Hines leads the team with a .316 hitting percentage and is one of four players averaging over two kills per set. She is also the team's blocking leader with 1.60 blocks per set. Jordan Schilling leads the team with 3.09 kills per set and is second with 2.82 digs per set. Jennie Hutt and Michelle Bacon each also average over two kills per set.

Ijeoma Moronu is the team's setter and averages 9.62 assists per game. She is also strong on the block, having the second-most total blocks on the team with 41.

Kelsie Edwards leads the team with 4.11 digs per set.

PSU VS. DALLAS BAPTIST

Pitt State has only faced Dallas Baptist twice, but has lost both meetings between the two teams. The last time the two teams met was on August 31, 2001. DBU won the match 3-2.

PSU VS. CENTRAL MISSOURI

Just three weeks ago, the Gorillas won only their fifth match in the all-time series with Central Missouri. Pitt State took the match in Warrensburg, 3-0 (25-23, 25-19, 25-22). The series record now stands at 44-5-1 in Central Missouri's favor. Pitt State has won three of the last five meetings between the two teams.

LAST TIME VS. CENTRAL MISSOURI

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.

Pitt State out hit 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.

PSU VS. TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE

Pitt State has a 2-1 all-time record against Texas A&M-Commerce. The last time the two teams met was September 7, 2007. The Gorillas won 3-1 (25-30, 30-16, 30-19, 30-20).

PSU VS. ABILENE CHRISTIAN

Pitt State is even at 1-1 all-time against Abilene Christian. Abilene Christian tied up the all time series earlier this season with a win over the Gorillas in Abilene, 3-1 (25-14, 25-21, 22-25, 25-21).

LAST TIME VS. ABILENE CHRISTIAN

Pitt State got behind two sets to none against Abilene Christian losing the first two sets 14-25 and 21-25. The third set saw Pitt State win 25-22, and hoping for another five set match. It was not to be however, as ACU took the fourth set by a close margin, 21-25.

The Gorillas had a rough match, hitting only .074 as a team against ACU. Conversely, Abilene Christian hit .233 as a team and had 11 team blocks to just 4 for PSU.

Only two Gorillas finished the match with double figure kills, Cartagena with 11 and freshman Leah Flynn with 10. Vosseler (10), Cartagena (15) and Wilson (17) each contributed double figures in digs. Freshman Brooke Fay led the way at the net, earning three block assists on the night.

LAST TIME OUT

The Pitt State Volleyball team (12-5, 4-2) split road matches last weekend, earning a 3-0 win over Northwest Missouri on Friday, before falling, 3-1, to Truman on Saturday.

The Gorillas took the first set easily against Northwest, 25-18, but had to battle harder to win the final two sets. Pitt State won the second set 25-22 and took an extra point to beat the Bearcats, 26-24, in the third set.

Senior Pamela Cartagena led the team with 13 kills and 12 digs, but it was junior Molly Bergkamp who led the team with 17.5 points in the match. Bergkamp recorded 11 kills, three service aces, two solo blocks and three block assists on the night. Her five total blocks led the team, who outblocked the Bearcats 7.5 to 6.0 on the night.

Junior Cassie Wilson also had three service aces as she and Bergkamp combined for six of the 10 by the Gorillas in the match.

Ashley Mitchell led Northwest Missouri with 12 kills. Paige Spangenberg led all players with 25 digs.

Against Truman, the Gorillas fell by scores of 25-17, 16-25, 27-25, 25-18.

Pitt State senior Pamela Cartagena led all players with 16 kills. She also added 22 digs for a double-double. Emily Vosseler also contributed a double-double with 51 assists and 10 digs. Junior Molly Bergkamp added 14 kills, while sophomore Corrine Stringer recorded 13. Junior Cassie Wilson added 21 digs.

Pitt State outblocked Truman, 13.0 to 7.0, but Truman hit .209 to just .161 for the Gorillas. The Bulldogs also recorded five service aces in the match, helping to contribute to their win.

PSU IN CONFERENCE ACTION

The Gorillas are 116-198 (.369) in conference action since joining the MIAA in 1989. That record improves to 76-88 (.463) since Head Coach Ibraheem Suberu took over the program in 1999 and to 32-19 (.633) over the last three seasons.

PERSONNEL BREAKDOWN

Starters Returning (3)

	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)

	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)

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

Squadmembers Returning (2)

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

Newcomers (9)

	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)

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

Juniors (2)

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

Sophomore (3)

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

Freshmen (6)

	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.

**AVCA DIVISION II COACHES TOP 25
SEPTEMBER 28, 2009**

No.	School	Points	Record	LR
1.	Concordia-St. Paul	800	17-0	1
2.	Cal State San Bernadina	768	14-0	2
3.	UC San Diego	722	14-1	4
4.	Tampa	695	13-1	5
5.	Central Missouri	648	15-3	9
6.	Emporia State	630	14-1	3
	West Texas A&M	630	15-2	7
8.	Nebraska-Kearney	586	15-1	8
9.	Washburn	512	15-2	6
10.	Minnesota Duluth	490	12-3	10
11.	Minnesota State	477	15-2	11
12.	Indianapolis	454	17-1	12
13.	Lewis	403	14-3	13
14.	Southwest Minnesota State	375	12-5	14
15.	Nebraska-Omaha	340	13-4	18
16.	Sonoma State	324	13-2	15
17.	Florida Southern	233	10-5	17
18.	Metro State	210	10-4	16
19.	Hawaii-Hilo	193	13-0	22
20.	Truman	160	12-6	20
21.	PITTSBURG STATE	147	12-5	21
22.	Wayne State (Neb.)	133	16-2	NR
23.	Saint Leo	118	13-2	NR
24.	West Florida	100	8-8	19
25.	Eckerd	53	7-5	24

Others receiving votes and listed on two or more ballots: Hillsdale 31, Wayne State (Mich.) 31, Lynn 28, Chico State 25, Wingate 23, Nova Southeastern 17, Grand Valley State 10, West Alabama 10, Harding 6, Western Washington 6, Barry 5.

GORILLAS IN CONFERENCE STATS

Everyone in the MIAA now has at least one conference loss on the season. The Gorillas, who are 4-2 in league play, are currently in fourth place in the league standings. Central Missouri and Nebraska-Omaha share the conference lead with a 5-1 record. Emporia State is third at 4-1.

As a team, the Gorillas are fifth in hitting percentage, assists, kills and service aces. The team leads in digs. They are ninth in blocks and 10th in opponent hitting percentage.

Individually, Pamela Cartagena is second in the league in kills with 4.20 per set. She is also ninth in digs with 4.00 per set and second in points (4.48 pps). Emily Vosseler is third in assists with 11.02 per set and seventh in aces with 0.35 per set. Molly Bergkamp is ninth in aces with 0.33 per set. Cassie Wilson ranks fifth in the league in digs with 4.35 per set.

STREAKY SCHEDULE

This season's schedule is quite streaky. The Gorillas began the season with 14 straight matches on the road and played only one home match in September. Now 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 four weeks into his 11th season in Pittsburg is 195-162. He is just five wins from the 200 wins plateau. With the schedule set up as it is, Suberu is sure to reach this mark in front of the home fans.

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 1,569. Though that is still 256 away from the record of 1,825 set by Sammie Williams just last season, Cartagena needs only to average 15.06 kills in each of the 17 regular season matches remaining. She has averaged 16.36 per match for the first eight matches of the season.

Cartagena is second on the all-time digs list with 1,960. She needs 366 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 21.53 digs a match.

CARTAGENA NAMED MIAA HITTER OF THE WEEK

Pitt State senior outside hitter Pamela Cartagena was named the MIAA Hitter of the Week on Sept. 15, as voted on by a committee of conference SIDs.

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.

Vossler 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. Vossler 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

Pitt State is No. 21 in the AVCA Division II Top 25 Poll for the second week in a row. 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."

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 steady 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.

2009 PITTSBURG STATE VOLLEYBALL CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

OVERALL: 12-5 MIAA: 4-2 HOME: 1-0 AWAY: 3-4 NEUTRAL: 8-1

Player	SP	MP-MS	Kill	K/S	E	Att.	Pct.	Ast.	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	Dig	D/S	BS	BA	TOTAL	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
3 Pamela Cartagena	64	17-15	269	4.20	67	717	.282	22	0.34	6	0.09	6	256	4.00	3	17	20	0.31	2	1	286.5	4.48
10 Corrinne Stringer	65	17-15	192	2.95	76	513	.226	9	0.14	12	0.18	23	75	1.15	4	21	25	0.38	3	2	218.5	3.36
4 Molly Bergkamp	58	15-13	144	2.48	57	395	.220	17	0.29	19	0.33	18	91	1.57	4	23	27	0.47	4	3	178.5	3.08
5 Brooke Fay	65	17-15	106	1.63	42	261	.245	21	0.32	6	0.09	5	79	1.22	7	31	38	0.58	10	1	134.5	2.07
12 Leah Flynn	61	17-15	101	1.66	46	327	.168	6	0.10	0	0.00	0	29	0.48	8	24	32	0.52	1	1	121.0	1.98
1 Emily Vosseler	65	17-15	32	0.48	9	94	.234	716	11.0	23	0.35	10	123	1.89	4	18	22	0.34	6	9	67.0	1.03
9 Samantha Franiuk	30	13-2	28	0.93	17	107	.103	2	0.07	3	0.10	2	14	0.47	0	5	5	0.17	1	0	33.5	1.12
11 Cassie Wilson	65	17-0	0	0.00	1	8	-.125	17	0.26	12	0.18	14	283	4.35	0	0	0	0.00	0	2	12.0	0.18
20 Brook Jansen	5	2-0	3	0.60	5	18	-.111	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	4	0.80	0	6	6	1.20	1	0	6.0	1.20
16 Shannon Majors	4	4-0	2	0.50	0	8	.250	0	0.00	1	0.25	0	7	1.75	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	3.0	0.75
8 Tesia Lahm	45	14-0	0	0.00	0	4	.000	5	0.11	3	0.07	2	65	1.44	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	3.0	0.07
2 Riann Deere	50	16-0	2	0.04	0	5	.400	4	0.08	0	0.00	1	62	1.24	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	2.0	0.04
GORILLAS	65	17-17	879	13.5	323	2467	.225	820	12.6	85	1.31	81	1090	16.77	32	147	105.5	1.62	30	19	1069.5	16.45
OPPONENT	65	17-17	860	13.2	348	2458	.208	813	12.5	64	0.98	119	1072	16.49	23	142	94.0	1.45	25	31	1018.0	15.66

2009 PITTSBURG STATE VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	SCORE-BY-SET	OVERALL	CONFERENCE	ATTEND
Aug. 28	vs. Southeastern Oklahoma!	L, 1-3	15-25, 25-23, 23-25, 20-25	0-1	0-0	25
28	vs. Harding!	W, 3-1	23-25, 25-10, 25-23, 25-12	1-1	0-0	50
29	vs. Midwestern State!	W, 3-0	25-19, 25-21, 25-23	2-1	0-0	50
29	vs. Missouri S&T!	W, 3-1	25-23, 20-25, 25-23, 25-15	3-1	0-0	65
Sept. 4	vs. Incarnate Word@	L, 2-3	18-25, 20-25, 25-13, 25-21, 10-15	3-2	0-0	300
4	at Abilene Christian@	L, 1-3	14-25, 21-25, 25-22, 21-25	3-3	0-0	750
5	vs. Angelo State@	W, 3-1	26-24, 25-21, 18-25, 25-18	4-3	0-0	115
5	vs. Cameron@	W, 3-2	23-25, 25-23, 25-15, 23-25, 15-9	5-3	0-0	112
11	vs. Edinboro#	W, 3-0	26-24, 25-16, 25-21	6-3	0-0	32
11	at No. 8 Central Missouri*#	W, 3-0	25-23, 25-19, 25-22	7-3	1-0	480
12	vs. St. Mary's (TX)#	W, 3-0	25-19, 25-19, 25-21	8-3	1-0	27
12	vs. Missouri-St. Louis#	W, 3-1	25-20, 25-18, 16-25, 34-32	9-3	1-0	102
18	at No. 20 Nebraska-Omaha*	L, 2-3	25-22, 23-25, 27-29, 25-19, 13-15	9-4	1-1	615
20	at Fort Hays State*	W, 3-1	22-25, 25-23, 25-20, 25-14	10-4	2-1	350
23	MISSOURI WESTERN*	W, 3-0	25-16, 25-17, 25-19	11-4	3-1	1012
25	at Northwest Missouri*	W, 3-0	25-18, 25-22, 26-24	12-4	4-1	275
26	at No. 20 Truman*	L, 1-3	17-25, 25-16, 25-27, 18-25	12-5	4-2	227
Oct. 2	DALLAS BAPTIST%					
2	CENTRAL MISSOURI%*					
3	TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE%					
3	ABILENE CHRISTIAN%					
9	EMPORIA STATE*					
10	WASHBURN*					
11	FORT HAYS STATE*					
14	MISSOURI SOUTHERN*					
17	SOUTHWEST BAPTIST*					
23	NEBRASKA-OMAHA*					
28	at Missouri Western*					
30	NORTHWEST MISSOURI*					
31	TRUMAN*					
Nov. 6	at Emporia State*					
7	at Washburn*					
11	at Missouri Southern*					
14	at Southwest Baptist*					

! - Missouri Southern Tournament, Joplin, Mo.; @ - Abilene Christian Tournament, Abilene, Texas; # - Peggy Martin Classic, Warrensburg, Mo.; % - Pitt State Classic; * MIAA match; \$ - NCAA-II Regional