

## 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
<b>9/23</b>	<b>Missouri Western*</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
9/25	at Northwest Missouri*	W, 3-0
9/26	at No. 20 Truman*	L, 1-3
<b>10/2-3</b>	<b>Pittsburg State Classic</b>	
<b>10/2</b>	<b>Dallas Baptist University</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
	<b>No. 5 Central Missouri*</b>	<b>L, 0-3</b>
	<b>Texas A&amp;M Commerce</b>	<b>W, 3-1</b>
	<b>Abilene Christian</b>	<b>L, 1-3</b>
<b>10/9</b>	<b>No. 8 Emporia State*</b>	<b>L, 0-3</b>
<b>10/10</b>	<b>No. 7 Washburn*</b>	<b>L, 1-3</b>
<b>10/11</b>	<b>Fort Hays*</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
<b>10/14</b>	<b>Missouri Southern*</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>10/17</b>	<b>Southwest Baptist*</b>	<b>2:00</b>
<b>10/23</b>	<b>No. 15 Nebraska-Omaha*</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>10/24</b>	<b>Alumni (Exhibition)</b>	<b>11:00</b>
10/28	at Missouri Western*	7:00
<b>10/30</b>	<b>Northwest Missouri*</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>10/31</b>	<b>No. 21 Truman* (Senior Day)</b>	<b>3:00</b>
11/6	at No. 8 Emporia State	7:00
11/7	at No. 7 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 25 & 26

### PITT STATE VS. MISSOURI SOUTHERN AND SOUTHWEST BAPTIST

**OCT. 14 - 7 P.M. & OCT. 17 - 2 P.M.**

### JOHN LANCE ARENA - PITTSBURG, KAN.

Pitt State finishes the first go-round with MIAA teams this week as they face Missouri Southern on Wednesday at 7 p.m. as part of the Sonic trophy Series, then battles Southwest Baptist on Saturday at 2 p.m. Both matches take place in John Lance Arena, as part of a six match conference home stand for the Gorillas.

**Up Next:** Pitt State plays only one match next week, as No. 15 Nebraska-Omaha comes to Pittsburg for a 7 p.m. match on Oct. 23. The match has been designated as a "Dig Pink" match in conjunction with the American Volleyball Coaches Association in attempt to raise funds for breast cancer research. More information on PSU's Dig Pink fundraising efforts is included on page 4.

Though it is not a match the counts in the official record, the Gorillas will host their annual alumni match in conjunction with Homecoming activities on Oct. 24. Current and former Gorillas will face off in a fun match at 11 p.m. prior to the football game kick off at 2 p.m.

#### SONIC TROPHY SERIES



The Pittsburg State and Missouri Southern Athletics Departments are proud to announce the formation of the Sonic Trophy Series. The Sonic Trophy Series is a cooperative effort between MSSU, PSU and Sonic to reward and honor the athletics department that performs the best throughout the course of the year.

One point will be awarded in each of the thirteen sports in which both departments compete. The school with the most points at the end of the year will be presented the Sonic Trophy Series trophy.

For volleyball the winner of the majority of the regular season matches will win the point. In cases where a regular season series is split, the point will be awarded to the team with the highest finish in the final MIAA standings. If the teams tied in the MIAA standings, MIAA tie-breaker rules will apply.

Both athletic departments will track points throughout the year and fans can keep up to date on the totals by clicking on the Sonic Trophy Series logo at either department's website. Sonic will be the presenting game sponsor at all regular season head-to-head contests between MSSU and PSU during the 2009-2010 campaign.

#### SCOUTING THE GORILLAS

The Gorillas are 15-9 overall and 5-5 in MIAA play.

As a team, the Gorillas are averaging 16.54 points per set and hitting at a .218 clip with an average of 13.70 kills per set. The team also records 17.36 digs per set and 1.61 blocks per set. The Gorillas aggressive serving style garners them 1.20 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 4.33 points per set, including a team-leading 4.08 kills per set. She also is second on the team in digs with 4.06 per set. She leads the team with a .262 hitting percentage.

Senior Emily Vosseler keeps the offense running from the setter position and averages 11.20 assists per set. She is also becoming more of a threat in other ways as well. She has recorded 30 blocks and 43 kills on the season, both more than she has in her previous three seasons at Pitt State. She has also recorded 176 digs in 24 matches, more than she had in 35 matches last season.

Cassie Wilson is the team's leader in digs with 4.65 per set.

# 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		

It is the new players who are leading the Gorillas in blocking. Freshman Brooke Fay leads the team with 52. Sophomore Corrinne Stringer is just behind with 42 blocks, while freshman Leah Flynn has 40. Junior Molly Bergkamp is also not far behind with 35 total blocks on the season.

Stringer and Bergkamp are also strong contributors offensively. Stringer averages 3.11 kills per set, second only to Cartagena, while Bergkamp averages 2.55.

## SCOUTING MISSOURI SOUTHERN

Missouri Southern is 10-10 overall and 3-4 in MIAA play. Last weekend the team defeated Fort Hays State, 3-0 (25-17, 25-19, 25-21), on Friday before falling to Emporia State, 3-0 (25-15, 25-18, 25-15), on Saturday.

The Lions average 15.83 points per set, including 12.84 kills, 1.08 service aces and 1.91 blocks. They are hitting at a .196 clip as a team and also average 13.74 digs per set.

Jeanna Feldman leads the team with 3.42 kills per game. She also leads the team in services aces with 17 on the season. She is second on the team in digs with 2.11. Renee Rheinecker also averages more than three kills per set at 3.05. Brittany Vavao-Huggins leads the Lion regulars with a .233 hitting percentage and also averages over two kills per set (2.06 kps). Huggins also leads the team in blocks with 64 on the season for 0.80 per set.

Elin Skei is the team's setter, dishing out 10.40 assists per set. Libero Kari Hammerbacher leads the team with 4.10 digs per set.

## SCOUTING SOUTHWEST BAPTIST

The Southwest Baptist Bearcats are 9-14 overall and 2-5 in league play. The team suffered losses to Fort Hays State, 3-1 (19-25, 25-23, 25-22, 25-17), and Washburn, 3-0 (25-22, 25-11, 25-18), last weekend. The team's only two conference wins thus far have been over Northwest Missouri and Missouri Western.

The Bearcats average 14.66 points per set, including 11.50 kills, 1.21 service aces and 1.95 blocks per set. The team hits at a .177 clip.

Ashley Jurgensmeyer leads the team with a .333 attack percentage. Her 2.77 kills per game ranks as second on the team. Alex Smith leads the team with 2.79 kills per set. Also averaging more than two kills per set is Kelsey Stewart (2.56 kps).

Jurgensmeyer also leads the team with 83 total blocks (0.90 bps). Joanna Granzlow is second with 62 blocks (0.79 bps).

Marcy Greenwade leads the team in digs with 3.37 per set. Smith is second at 2.90 digs per set.

The team's setter is Brianna Wallace who dishes out 9.10 assists per set.

## PSU VS. MISSOURI SOUTHERN

Missouri Southern leads the all-time series with the Gorillas 61-22. Despite the lopsidedness in the overall series, the Gorillas have won each of the last five and eight of the last 10. The last time the Lions picked up a win in the series was September 22, 2006 in Joplin. Pitt State won both meetings between the two teams last season.

## PSU VS. SOUTHWEST BAPTIST

Pitt State leads the all-time series with Southwest Baptist, 38-19. The Gorillas have won the last 14 meetings between the two teams. The last Southwest Baptist win was October 18, 2000, in PSU Head Coach Ibraheem Suberu's second year. The Gorillas won both meetings last season.

## LAST SEASON VS. MISSOURI SOUTHERN

The No. 15 Pittsburg State Volleyball team (20-5, 6-4 MIAA) won the first match of the volleyball border battle with Missouri Southern (6-15, 1-8 MIAA), 3-1 (25-16, 22-25, 25-21, 25-17) in Joplin, Mo. on Wednesday night.

PSU hit .324 as a team to .222 for MSSU. Pitt State had only one more attempt and one fewer error, but 14 more kills. For only the second time this season, the Gorillas allowed an opponent double digit in blocks, as they were outblocked by the Lions, 11.0 to 7.0.

The Gorillas took the first and fourth sets easily, but the middle two sets were more difficult. Pitt State took the first point in set two, but never led after that. Missouri Southern led by as much as six in the match, including as late as 18-12. Pitt State narrowed the gap to just one late in the match at 22-21 on a block by seniors Lindsay Quall and Klaudia Grelowska. PSU would not get any closer though, as they only scored one more point in the set, giving the Lions the 25-22 win.

There were five ties in the early part of set three. Pitt State allowed ties, but did not give up the lead until a kill by MSSU's Kara Robeson to give her team the 9-8 lead. The Gorillas gained the lead back on a kill by senior Linda Igbinigie. Missouri Southern came back within one at 18-17 and 19-18. Kills from senior Sammie Williams and Grelowska gave Pitt State the three-point lead and they did not look back, taking the set 25-21.

Williams recorded a double-double with 13 kills and a match-high 17 digs. She was one of four Pitt State players with double figures in kills. Igbinigie led all players in the match with 17 kills and only one error for a .727 attack percentage on the night. Junior Pamela Cartagena added 13 kills, while Grelowska had 11. Igbinigie also led the team in blocks with five (1BS, 4 BA), while Grelowska added three.

Ashley Hill led MSSU with 14 kills, while Robeson recorded 10. Libero Kari Hammerbacher was the only Lion with double figure digs with 13. Brittany Vavao-Huggins (1 BS, 4 BA) and Amelia Judge (5 BA) each contributed five blocks in the match, while Robeson had four and three additional players recorded two a piece.

The No. 13 Pittsburg State Volleyball team (27-7, 13-7 MIAA) added another tally to the wins column with a 3-1 win over Missouri Southern (9-22, 4-15 MIAA) on Wednesday night at John Lance Arena.

The Gorillas had three players with 13 kills on the night. Seniors Klaudia Grelowska, Sammie Williams and Linda Igbinigie together led all players in their last midweek home match. Williams and Igbinigie had nearly identical stats in the attack column with Williams hitting .370 with the 13 kills and only three errors in 27 attempts. Igbinigie hit .357 with the 13 kills and only three errors in 28 attempts. Williams also added eight digs, while Igbinigie had seven block assists. Grelowska was the only Pitt State player with a double-double as she also had 13 digs. She also had four total blocks on the night with two solo blocks and two block assists. Junior setter Emily Vosseler recorded a season-high five kills as she led the team with a .400 hitting percentage. She also had assists on 45 of the team's 57 kills. Sophomore Cassie Wilson led all players with 28 digs on the night.

Ashley Hill was the only Lion player with double figure kills as she put up a double double with 11 kills and 17 digs. Setter Sarah Joles also had a double double with 20 assists and 13 digs.

#### LAST SEASON VS. SOUTHWEST BAPTIST

The No. 15 Pittsburg State Volleyball team (21-5, 7-4 MIAA) earned a 3-1 (21-25, 25-20, 25-12, 25-12) over Southwest Baptist in Bolivar, Mo. on Saturday afternoon.

The Bearcats took the first set, 25-21, but came back to win three straight sets, 25-20, 25-12 and 25-12) to take the match. Pitt State earned a .301 attack percentage overall, including .310 in the second set and .486 with only one attack error in the final set.

Senior Sammie Williams led all players with 22 kills, a season high. She also added 11 digs for a double-double. Sophomore Cassie Wilson earned a new career high in digs as she led all the Gorillas with 27. Senior Linda Igbinigie added 14 kills and senior Klaudia Grelowska had 11. Freshman Samantha Franiuk recorded a career high nine kills. Junior Pamela Cartagena (Bayamon, P.R.) rounded out double figures for the Gorillas with 20 digs.

Kelsey Stewart led SBU with 16 kills. Rachel Sawyer added 10. Shyray Perry recorded 27 digs for the Bearcats to tie for the match lead with PSU's Wilson. Brianna Wallace had 12 digs and Marcy Greenwade added 11.

The No. 13 Pittsburg State University volleyball team (28-7, 14-6 MIAA) finished the regular season strong with a 3-0 win over Southwest Baptist University (13-19, 5-14 MIAA) Saturday afternoon (Nov. 15) at John Lance Arena.

The Gorillas had 52 kills on the afternoon with only 10 errors for a .457 attack percentage. The Bearcats hit only .110.

The four Pitt State seniors were definitely the leaders in their final home match. Sammie Williams finished the day with a match-high 18 kills. She now is just five kills away from the Pitt State career record.

## 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  
OCTOBER 12, 2009**

No.	School	Points	Record	LR
1.	Concordia-St. Paul (32)	800	21-0	1
2.	Cal State San Bernardino	768	18-0	2
3.	UC San Diego	729	18-1	3
4.	<b>Central Missouri</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>22-3</b>	<b>4</b>
5.	Nebraska-Kearney	649	20-1	5
6.	West Texas A&M	625	20-3	6
7.	<b>Washburn</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>22-2</b>	<b>7</b>
8.	<b>Emporia State</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>19-2</b>	<b>8</b>
9.	Tampa	561	17-2	9
10.	Minnesota State	498	20-2	11
11.	Minnesota Duluth	480	16-4	10
12.	Indianapolis	451	22-1	12
13.	Lewis	420	18-3	13
14.	Saint Leo	375	18-2	16
15.	Southwest Minnesota State	363	17-5	14
16.	<b>Nebraska-Omaha</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>14-5</b>	<b>15</b>
17.	Sonoma State	284	15-4	17
18.	Wayne State (Neb.)	229	19-4	19
19.	Hawaii-Hilo	215	17-1	20
20.	<b>Truman</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>16-8</b>	<b>21</b>
21.	Metro State	129	13-6	18
22.	Eckerd	111	10-7	22
23.	Hillsdale	94	16-3	NR
24.	West Florida	78	13-8	24
25.	Chico State	50	16-5	25

Others receiving votes and listed on two or more ballots: Wingate 37, Cal State L.A. 23, **PITTSBURG STATE 20**, West Alabama 20, Lynn 18, Florida Southern 6, Ferris State 5, Seattle Pacific 4, Abilene Christian 3.

Linda Igbinigie was the only other player with double figure kills, as she had 12. She also added two block assists and now is just six blocks from the PSU career total blocks record.

Klaudia Grelowska finished with eight blocks and eight digs, while Lindsay Quall added seven kills and a block.

No SBU players finished in double figures. Ashley Jurgensmeyer led the team with nine kills, while Shyrh Perry led with seven digs. Jurgensmeyer also had three of the Bearcats' six block assists.

**LAST TIME OUT**

Pitt State went 1-2 last weekend in three consecutive MIAA matches. The Gorillas first matched up against two top 10 teams in No. 8 Emporia State and No. 7 Washburn on Friday and Saturday before taking on Fort Hays State on Sunday.

The Pittsburg State Volleyball team fell to 4-4 in MIAA play and 14-8 overall with a 3-0 (25-17, 25-17, 30-28) loss to No. 8 Emporia State (18-2, 5-1 MIAA) on Friday (Oct. 9) at John Lance Arena.

The Gorillas fell 25-17 in both of the first two sets, but were not about to lie down in the third set. The Gorillas had their first lead of the match early in the third set and built it to a four-point lead at 5-1 on junior Molly Bergkamp's serve. Emporia State battled back and tied the game two times before taking the lead at 13-14. Pitt State did not regain the lead, but never fell behind more than two points until the Hornets went up 23-20. Pitt State battled back and forced five match points before ESU earned the win by a final score of 30-28.

Bergkamp led the Gorillas with 12 kills. Freshman Brooke Fay added 10 kills. Sophomore Corrinne Stringer was just short of double figures with nine kills and also added a solo block. Senior Pamela Cartagena recorded only seven kills, but led the team with 15 digs and also added a solo block. Junior Cassie Wilson added 12 digs. Emily Vosseler dished out 11 assists for PSU.

The Hornets' Arica Shepard led all players with 17 kills, while Amy Byfield led with 18 digs.

The Pittsburg State Volleyball team (14-9, 4-5 MIAA) suffered its second consecutive loss to a top 10 team, as it fell 3-1 (25-23, 19-25, 21-25, 21-25) to No. 7 Washburn (22-2, 6-2 MIAA) on Saturday (Oct. 10) evening.

Pitt State took the first set, 25-23, but then lost three straight. Washburn was helped in the win by 13.0 team blocks, compared to just 6.0 from the Gorillas.

PSU sophomore Corrinne Stringer led all players with 19 kills. Senior Pamela Cartagena recorded a double-double with 16 kills and a match-high 27 digs. Junior Cassie Wilson recorded 26 digs.

Washburn had three players record double figure kills. Mollie Lacy led the team with 18 kills. Breanna Lewis added 13 and Ashley Shepard had 10. Four Lady Blues

recorded double figure digs, led by Kate Hampson with 18. Hampson also had 57 assists for a double. Tessa Brophy added 17 digs, while Hillary Huges and Molly Smith each had 13.

The Gorilla Volleyball team (15-9, 5-5 MIAA) evened its conference record at 5-5 with a 3-0 (25-15, 25-18, 25-20) win over Fort Hays State on Sunday afternoon.

Senior Pamela Cartagena led all players with a .452 hitting percentage for the match. She recorded 15 kills on 31 attempts with only one error. She also added 13 digs for a double-double. Sophomore Corrinne Stringer added 13 kills, as she hit .312 on the day. She had 32 attempts and only three errors. She went through the first two sets error free. Sophomore Cassie Wilson recorded 13 digs.

Lillian Rezende was the only Fort Hays player with double digit kills, as she shared the match lead with Cartagena with 15 on the day.

**DIG PINK**

The PSU Volleyball team will host a Dig Pink Match on October 23 at 7 p.m. against Nebraska-Omaha. Dig Pink is a Breast Cancer Awareness Rally being held all of October to raise awareness and funds, sponsored by the Side-Out Foundation.

Each year the Side-Out Foundation wants to make a statement by holding hundreds, potentially thousands, of featured high school and college matches across the country to help educate and raise funds to eradicate this terrible disease. Proceeds will go towards doing something significant and identifiable in the fight against Breast Cancer.

Anyone wishing to donate to PSU and the Side-Out Foundation's fundraising efforts can go to Pitt State's fundraising page at [https://www.side-out.org/application/teams/team\\_page/2094](https://www.side-out.org/application/teams/team_page/2094). The Gorillas have set a goal to raise \$2000 this season. Last season the team raised almost \$800.

In 2008, 330 college and 285 high school teams raised \$390,000 through Dig Pink Rallies. This season 810 college and high school teams have raised almost \$115,000.

**PSU IN CONFERENCE ACTION**

The Gorillas are 117-201 (.368) in conference action since joining the MIAA in 1989. That record improves to 77-91 (.438) since Head Coach Ibraheem Suberu took over the program in 1999 and to 33-22 (.600) over the last three seasons.

**GORILLAS IN CONFERENCE STATS**

Everyone in the MIAA now has at least one conference loss on the season. The Gorillas, who are 5-5 in league play, are currently tied for fifth place in the league standings. Central Missouri leads the league with a 9-1 record. Emporia State is second at 6-1 and Nebraska-Omaha is third at 7-2. Washburn is fourth at 6-2. Truman is the team tied with the Gorillas with a 4-4 record.

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

Individually, Pamela Cartagena is second in the league in kills with 4.08 per set. She is also ninth in digs with 4.06 per set and third in points (4.33 pps). Emily Vosseler is second in assists with 11.24 per set and ninth in aces with 0.29 per set. Cassie Wilson ranks fourth in the league in digs with 4.65 per set. Corrinne Stringer enters the conference stats for the first time this week as she is 10th on the kills list with 3.11 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 198-166. He is just two 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 1,655. Though that is still 170 away from the record of 1,825 set by Sammie Williams just last season, Cartagena needs to average 17.0 kills in each of the 10 regular season matches remaining. She has averaged 14.79 per match in the 24 matches thus far.

Cartagena is second on the all-time digs list with 2,057. She needs 289 for the school record, which is currently 2,326 set by Dina Wathan from 2000-03. She needs to average 28.9 digs a match to reach this record.

Cartagena recorded her 2,000th career dig in the match against Abilene Christian on Saturday, October 3. She is only the second player in school history to record more than 2,000 digs in her career.

### **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.

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**

After two losses in the Pitt State Classic, the Gorillas dropped out of the top 25. The Gorillas are receiving the third most votes of teams not ranked in the top 25.

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 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.

# 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	87	24-22	355	4.08	92	1003	.262	32	0.37	7	0.08	7	353	4.06	5	19	224	0.28	3	1	376.5	4.33
10 Corrinne Stringer	88	24-22	274	3.11	107	732	.228	9	0.10	13	0.15	24	112	1.27	8	34	42	0.48	3	2	312.0	3.55
4 Molly Bergkamp	82	22-20	209	2.55	82	571	.222	24	0.29	23	0.28	25	126	1.54	4	31	35	0.43	8	3	251.5	3.07
5 Brooke Fay	89	24-22	149	1.67	59	369	.244	27	0.30	11	0.12	8	118	1.33	9	43	52	0.58	19	2	190.5	2.14
12 Leah Flynn	82	24-21	138	1.68	60	430	.181	9	0.11	0	0.00	0	34	0.41	9	31	40	0.49	2	1	162.5	1.98
1 Emily Vosseler	89	24-22	43	0.48	18	147	.170	1000	11.2	26	0.29	18	176	1.98	5	25	30	0.34	8	12	86.5	0.97
9 Samantha Franiuk	42	20-3	41	0.98	30	153	.072	2	0.05	3	0.07	3	18	0.43	1	10	11	0.26	1	0	50.0	1.19
11 Cassie Wilson	89	24-0	0	0.00	2	9	-.222	26	0.29	20	0.22	17	414	4.65	0	0	0	0.00	0	3	20.0	0.22
20 Brook Jansen	8	5-0	5	0.62	6	28	-.036	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	5	0.62	0	6	6	0.75	1	0	8.0	1.00
16 Shannon Majors	7	7-0	5	0.71	3	22	.091	0	0.00	1	0.14	1	11	1.57	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	6.0	0.86
8 Tesia Lahm	69	21-0	0	0.00	0	4	.000	8	0.12	3	0.04	3	87	1.26	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	3.0	0.04
2 Riann Deere	71	23-0	2	0.03	0	6	.333	7	0.10	0	0.00	1	89	1.25	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	2.0	0.03
<b>GORILLAS</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>24-24</b>	<b>1222</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>3484</b>	<b>.218</b>	<b>1145</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1545</b>	<b>17.36</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>143.5</b>	<b>1.61</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1472.5</b>	<b>16.54</b>
<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>24-24</b>	<b>1216</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>3455</b>	<b>.216</b>	<b>1150</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>1554</b>	<b>17.46</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>132.0</b>	<b>1.48</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1440.0</b>	<b>16.18</b>

## 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%	W, 3-0	25-18, 25-19, 27-25	13-5	4-2	247
2	CENTRAL MISSOURI!%*	L, 0-3	22-25, 23-25, 14-25	13-6	4-3	403
3	TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE%	W, 3-1	25-23, 25-21, 15-25, 27-25	14-6	4-3	126
3	ABILENE CHRISTIAN%	L, 1-3	21-25, 15-25, 25-19, 24-26	14-7	4-3	278
9	EMPORIA STATE*	L, 0-3	17-25, 17-25, 28-30	14-8	4-4	845
10	WASHBURN*	L, 1-3	25-23, 19-25, 21-25, 21-25	14-9	4-5	310
11	FORT HAYS STATE*	W, 3-0	25-15, 25-18, 25-20	15-9	5-5	132
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