

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	W, 3-0
	No. 5 Central Missouri*	L, 0-3
	Texas A&M Commerce	W, 3-1
	Abilene Christian	L, 1-3
10/9	No. 8 Emporia State*	L, 0-3
10/10	No. 7 Washburn*	L, 1-3
10/11	Fort Hays*	W, 3-0
10/14	Missouri Southern*	W, 3-2
10/17	Southwest Baptist*	W, 3-0
10/23	No. 15 Nebraska-Omaha*	W, 3-1
10/28	at Missouri Western*	W, 3-1
10/30	Northwest Missouri*	W, 3-0
10/31	No. 18 Truman* (Senior Day)	W, 3-0
11/6	at No. 7 Emporia State	W, 3-1
11/7	at No. 9 Washburn	L, 1-3
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 33 & 34

AT MISSOURI SOUTHERN & SOUTHWEST BAPTIST

NOV. 11 - 7 P.M. & NOV. 14 - 2 P.M.

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The Gorillas close out the regular season this week with a Wednesday match against Missouri Southern in Joplin and a Saturday meeting with the Southwest Baptist Bearcats in Bolivar. Pitt State needs to win both of these matches to secure its spot in the NCAA-II South Central Regional Tournament.

Up next: Pitt State awaits its post-season fate. Teams selected for NCAA-II regionals will find out on Sunday, Nov. 15. Regionals will be played at campus sites on either Nov. 19-21 or 20-22.

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.

Missouri Southern currently leads the series 2-1. Pitt State took the football points, while Missouri Southern took points for both men's and women's cross country. Pitt State won the first meeting between the two volleyball teams, so a win by the Gorillas Wednesday night would tie the series at 2-2.

SCOUTING THE GORILLAS

The Gorillas are 22-10 overall and 12-6 in MIAA play.

As a team, the Gorillas are averaging 16.73 points per set and hitting at a .222 clip with an average of 14.0 kills per set. The team also records 17.86 digs per set and 1.56 blocks per set. The Gorillas aggressive serving style garners them 1.15 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 4.40 points per set, including a team-leading 4.09 kills per set. She also is second on the team in digs with 4.19 per set. She leads the team with a .253 hitting percentage.

Senior Emily Vosseler keeps the offense running from the setter position and averages 11.4 assists per set. She is also becoming more of a threat in other ways as well. She has recorded 42 blocks and 64 kills on the season, both more than she has in her previous three seasons at Pitt State. She has also recorded 248 digs.

Cassie Wilson is the team's leader in digs with 4.82 per set.

Five Gorillas have recorded 40 or more blocks on the season, but it is the new players who are leading the team. Freshman Brooke Fay leads the team with 62 total blocks (11 solo, 51 assisted). Junior

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		

Molly Bergkamp is second with 52, followed by sophomore Corrinne Striger with 51. Freshman Leah Flynn and Vosseler each have 42 total blocks on the year.

Stringer and Bergkamp are also strong contributors offensively. Stringer averages 3.31 kills per set, second only to Cartagena, while Bergkamp averages 2.59.

SCOUTING THE LIONS

Missouri Southern is 13-18 overall and 6-11 in MIAA play. The Lions are currently seventh in the league. Last weekend the team defeated Fort Hays State, 3-2 (20-25, 26-24, 24-26, 25-18, 15-12), on Friday before falling to Emporia State, 3-0 (25-19, 25-13, 25-18), on Saturday.

The Lions average 15.63 points per set, including 12.67 kills, 1.07 service aces and 1.89 blocks. They are hitting at a .199 clip as a team and also average 13.33 digs per set.

Renee Rheinecker leads the team with 3.19 kills per set. Jenna Feldman also averages more than three kills per set at 3.18. She also is second on the team with 2.08 digs per set and shares the lead in services aces with Kari Hammerbacher as each have 23 a piece. Brittany Vavao-Huggins leads the Lion regulars with a .244 hitting percentage and also leads the team in blocks with 98 on the season for 0.82 per set.

Elin Skei is the team's setter, dishing out 10.50 assists per set. Libero Kari Hammerbacher leads the team with 3.65 digs per set.

SCOUTING THE BEARCATS

The Southwest Baptist Bearcats are 11-23 overall and 4-14 in league play. The team fell 3-0 (25-17, 25-21, 25-11 to Emporia State on Tuesday night. Last week, the team earned a win over Fort Hays State, 3-1 (26-24, 25-20, 30-32, 25-9), after falling 3-0 to Washburn (27-25, 25-14, 25-16). The team's conference wins thus far have been over Fort Hays State, Missouri Southern, Northwest Missouri and Missouri Western.

The Bearcats average 14.59 points per set, including 11.48 kills, 1.10 service aces and 2.01 blocks per set. The team hits at a .165 clip.

Ashley Jurgensmeyer leads the team with a .296 attack percentage and 2.85 kills per set. Alex Smith and Kelsey Stewart also average more than two kills per set at 2.68 and 2.35 kills per set, respectively.

Jurgensmeyer also leads the team with 118 total blocks (0.91 bps). Joanna Granzlow is second with 85 blocks (0.82 bps).

Lauren Noble leads the team in digs with 3.82 per set. Smith and Marcy Greenwade share second with 2.80 digs per set.

The team's setter is Brianna Wallace who dishes out 9.09 assists per set.

PSU VS. MISSOURI SOUTHERN

Missouri Southern leads the all-time series with the Gorillas 61-23. Despite the lopsidedness in the overall series, the Gorillas have won each of the last six 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 and the earlier meeting this season.

PSU VS. SOUTHWEST BAPTIST

Pitt State leads the all-time series with Southwest Baptist, 39-19. The Gorillas have won the last 15 meetings between the two teams, including the match earlier this season. 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 TIME VS. THE LIONS

After five hard fought sets, the Pitt State volleyball team (16-9, 6-5 MIAA) edged MSSU (10-11, 3-5 MIAA) with a dominant final set, 3-2 (19-25, 25-19, 25-22, 22-25, 15-7).

Statistically, the Lions fared better than the Gorillas, outhitting PSU .255 to .246 and outblocking them by one. However, the Gorillas were better on the serve and had timelier hitting.

Senior Pamela Cartagena led Pitt State with 17 kills and 12 digs to record a double-double. In addition, fellow senior Emily Vosseler scored a double-double of her own with 11 digs and 52 assists. Sophomore Corrinne Stringer (16) and junior Molly Bergkamp (13) also scored double digit kills. Junior libero Cassie Wilson led the team with 19 digs.

Missouri Southern had three players with double figure kills, led by Renee Rheinecker with 20. Kari Hammerbacher scored a match-high 20 digs.

LAST TIME VS. THE BEARCATS

After two close sets, the Gorilla volleyball team (17-9, 7-5 MIAA) led from start to finish in the third set to down Southwest Baptist (10-16, 3-7 MIAA) on Saturday afternoon, 3-0 (26-24, 25-22, 25-9).

Consistent hitting proved to be the key as Pitt State clinched the victory by outhitting SBU .216 to .081 even though Southwest Baptist scored 5.0 blocks to the Gorillas' 1.0.

Junior Molly Bergkamp led the Gorillas with a match-high 15 kills, hitting an impressive .500. Sophomore Corrinne Stringer joined Bergkamp in double digit kills with 12 of her own. Senior Emily Vosseler recorded a double-double with 12 digs and 33 assists. Junior Cassie Wilson led the team with 20 digs.

Ashley Jurgensmeyer was the only Bearcat with double figure kills (10) and Laura Noble recorded a match-high 23 digs.

LAST TIME OUT

The Pittsburg State volleyball team (22-10, 12-6 MIAA) fell 3-1 (19-25, 25-11, 35-33, 25-17) in a hard fought battle to No. 9 Washburn (30-4, 14-4 MIAA) on Saturday afternoon in Topeka.

Pitt State took the first set, 25-19. Washburn came back to win the second set 25-11, as Pitt State only managed seven kills in the second set. The third set was a true battle, stretching to 35-33 before Washburn finally took the win. The Lady Blues carried the momentum from the third set to finish the match with a set four score of 25-17.

Sophomore Corrinne Stringer led the Gorillas with 16 kills. Senior Pamela Cartagena was the only other PSU player with double figure kills as she recorded a double double with 12 kills and 22 digs. Junior Cassie Wilson recorded 20 digs, while defensive specialists sophomore Tesia Lahm and junior Riann Deere also recorded double figure digs with 12 and 10, respectively. It was the first time this season Deere had recorded double figures.

Both teams recorded double figure team blocks, but Washburn outblocked the Gorillas 15.0 to 10.0. Pitt State junior Molly Bergkamp led the Gorillas with five blocks on the afternoon.

Five Washburn players hit double figure kills, while four different players had double figure digs.

PSU IN CONFERENCE ACTION

The Gorillas are 125-202 (.382) in conference action since joining the MIAA in 1989. That record improves to 85-92 (.480) since Head Coach Ibraheem Suberu took over the program in 1999 and to 41-23 (.641) over the last three seasons.

GORILLAS IN CONFERENCE STATS

Everyone in the MIAA, except league leader Central Missouri, has at least three losses in conference play. The Gorillas, who are 12-6 in league play, are fourth. Central Missouri leads the league with an 17-2 record. Emporia State is second at 15-3 and Washburn is third at 15-4.

(All following stats are as of Nov. 7 - prior to the Missouri Southern match) As a team, the Gorillas are fifth in hitting percentage and third in kills and assists. The team leads the league in digs. They are ninth in blocks, eighth in opponent hitting percentage and seventh in service aces.

Individually, Pamela Cartagena is second in the league in kills with 4.09 per set. She is also ninth in digs with 4.19 per set and second in points (4.40 pps). Emily Vosseler is second in assists with 11.46 per set and ninth in aces with 0.28 per set. Cassie Wilson ranks fourth in the league in digs with 4.82 per set. Corrinne Stringer is fifth on the kills list with 3.31 per set.

PAMELA CARTAGENA

Cartagena is a two-time All-American for the Gorillas. This is her fifth season in Pittsburg, and to say she has made an impact on the program is an understatement.

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
NOVEMBER 9, 2009

No.	School	Points	Record	LR
1.	Concordia-St. Paul (32)	800	30-0	1
2.	Cal State San Bernadino	762	26-1	3
3.	Nebraska-Kearney	722	31-1	4
4.	UC San Diego	693	25-2	2
5.	Central Missouri	661	31-4	6
6.	West Texas A&M	642	31-3	5
7.	Tampa	603	26-2	8
8.	Washburn	560	30-4	9
9.	Emporia State	523	27-4	7
	Indianapolis	523	32-1	10
11.	Lewis	490	28-3	11
12.	Saint Leo	454	26-3	12
13.	Southwest Minnesota State	382	22-7	15
14.	Minnesota State	362	24-5	13
15.	Wayne State (Neb.)	349	26-6	14
16.	Hawaii-Hilo	324	25-1	17
17.	Minnesota Duluth	309	20-8	16
18.	Sonoma State	250	22-6	18
19.	Truman	194	23-11	19
20.	Cal State LA	165	19-8	21
21.	PITTSBURG STATE	146	22-10	22
22.	Nebraska-Omaha	118	20-12	20
23.	Metro State	98	21-7	24
24.	Wingate	82	31-1	23
25.	Chico State	55	22-8	25

Others receiving votes and listed on two or more ballots:
Abilene Christian 39; California (Pa.) 26;
Alaska-Anchorage 19; Dowling 14; Hillsdale 14.

Cartagena has been a consistent bright spot for the Gorillas both offensively and defensively. She is near school records for both kills and digs and has averaged 3.67 kills and 4.55 digs per set for her career.

In her senior season, she has played some of her best volleyball to date. She set a new career high for kills with 30 against Cameron and has led a young Gorilla squad through the rigors of the MIAA schedule in hopes of making the NCAA-II Tournament for the fourth time in her career.

EMILY VOSSSELER

Emily Vosseler has served as the starting Pitt State setter for the last two seasons and has been a valuable part of the Pitt State program for five years.

After a red-shirt season in 2005, Vosseler served as more of a role player, but began to take on a larger role for the 2007 season, splitting time with starting setter Sarah Brannock. In 2008, Vosseler earned the starting position and earned honorable mention All-MIAA honors for her efforts.

This season, Vosseler has taken control of the offense. She averages 11.36 assists per set. She has more kills and blocks this season than her previous three combined and has also improved her numbers in digs and services aces.

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.

RECORDS WATCH

Pamela Cartagena entered the season prepped to set new records for both career kills and career digs. She is currently third on the kills list with 1,789. That is only 36 away from the record of 1,825 set by Sammie Williams just last season and Cartagena needs to average 18 kills in each of the matches remaining. If the Gorillas play at least one post-season match, that lowers the average need to 12 and each match the Gorillas play improve Cartagena's chances of breaking the record.

Cartagena is second on the all-time digs list with 2,208. She needs 118 for the school record, which is currently 2,326 set by Dina Wathan from 2000-03. She needs to average 59 digs a match to reach this record in the regular season.

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.

Against Missouri Western, Cartagena set the career record for sets played. She has now played in 485 sets

in her four-year career, besting the record of 468 set by Dina Wathan from 2000-03.

Emily Vosseler has 1,364 assists on the season, which puts her sixth on the all-time single season list in that category. She needs four more assists to move to fifth on the list. The record is 1,622 set by Sarah Brannock in 2006. Vosseler is also now second on the career assists list with 3,331. The record is owed by Megan Barth who had 3,580 from 1999-2002. Though the Gorillas would have to go deep in the post-season for Vosseler to break either record, she should be able to move up quite high on the lists.

Cassie Wilson now ranks fifth on the career digs list with 1,229.

200 WINS

Head Coach Ibraheem Suberu earned his 200th career win at Pitt State with the 3-0 win over Southwest Baptist on October 17. He is the first coach in program history to earn 200 wins. He entered the season just needing 17 wins to reach this plateau. Suberu now has a 204-166 (.551) record as head coach at PSU.

Suberu was 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.

DIG PINK



Pitt State earned 510.92 during October for Dig Pink. Dig Pink is a Breast Cancer Awareness Rally that was 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.

In 2008, 330 college and 285 high school teams raised \$390,000 through Dig Pink Rallies. This season 910 college and high school teams have raised almost \$305,000.

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 for a couple weeks. The Gorillas are now back in the rankings at No. 21.

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 Vossler (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.

Vossler'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, Vossler 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 Vossler 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: 22-10 MIAA: 12-6 HOME: 9-4 AWAY: 5-5 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	117	32-30	478	4.09	122	1408	.253	40	0.34	15	0.13	13	490	4.19	10	24	34	0.29	5	1	515.0	4.40
10 Corrinne Stringer	118	32-30	390	3.31	152	1040	.229	13	0.11	17	0.14	26	161	1.36	12	39	51	0.43	7	5	438.5	3.72
4 Molly Bergkamp	112	30-28	290	2.59	109	761	.238	30	0.27	24	0.21	28	169	1.51	8	44	52	0.46	12	3	344.0	3.07
5 Brooke Fay	115	31-27	194	1.69	80	487	.234	32	0.28	12	0.10	11	145	1.26	11	51	62	0.54	22	2	242.5	2.11
12 Leah Flynn	100	32-22	161	1.61	68	484	.192	11	0.11	0	0.00	0	37	0.37	10	32	42	0.42	2	2	187.0	1.87
1 Emily Vosseler	119	32-20	64	0.54	19	201	.224	1364	11.46	33	0.28	27	248	2.08	8	34	42	0.35	13	16	122.0	1.03
9 Samantha Franiuk	72	28-11	76	1.06	47	273	.106	9	0.12	8	0.11	5	33	0.46	2	11	13	0.18	1	0	91.5	1.27
11 Cassie Wilson	119	32-0	0	0.00	3	10	-.300	36	0.30	21	0.18	22	573	4.82	0	0	0	0.00	0	5	21.0	0.18
20 Brook Jansen	14	9-0	6	0.43	7	34	-.029	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	6	0.43	0	6	6	0.43	2	0	9.0	0.64
8 Tesia Lahm	89	27-2	1	0.01	0	7	.143	11	0.12	6	0.07	7	129	1.45	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	7.0	0.08
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
2 Riann Deere	98	31-0	2	0.02	2	9	.000	10	0.10	0	0.00	1	121	1.23	0	2	2	0.02	0	0	3.0	0.03
GORILLAS	119	32-32	1668	14.0	615	4746	.222	1557	13.1	137	1.15	141	2125	17.86	63	245	185.5	1.56	66	35	1990.5	16.73
OPPONENT	119	32-32	1634	13.7	636	4700	.212	1546	13.0	118	0.99	190	2133	17.92	43	302	194.0	1.63	43	69	1946.0	16.35

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*	W, 3-2	19-25, 25-19, 25-22, 22-25, 15-7	16-9	6-5	510
17	SOUTHWEST BAPTIST*	W, 3-0	26-24, 25-22, 25-9	17-9	7-5	110
23	NEBRASKA-OMAHA*	W, 3-1	21-25, 25-22, 25-21, 25-22	18-9	8-5	708
28	at Missouri Western*	W, 3-1	23-25, 26-24, 25-20, 26-24	19-9	9-5	231
30	NORTHWEST MISSOURI*	W, 3-0	25-13, 25-19, 25-20	20-9	10-5	215
31	TRUMAN*	W, 3-0	25-18, 25-22, 25-19	21-9	11-5	215
Nov. 6	at Emporia State*	W, 3-1	27-25, 20-25, 25-22, 25-22	22-9	12-5	614
7	at Washburn*	L, 3-1	19-25, 25-11, 35-33, 25-17	22-10	12-6	205
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