

# Pitt State Women's Basketball



**PITT STATE (0-0)**

**VS**

**NO. 12 CENTRAL OKLAHOMA (0-0)**

## GAME DAY INFORMATION

What: ..... vs. No. 12 Central Oklahoma  
 When: ..... Sunday, November 15, 3 p.m.  
 Where: ..... Pittsburg, Kan. • John Lance Arena

## HEAD COACHES

Pittsburg State (0-0): ..... Lane Lord (Tabor '93)  
 Record at PSU/Overall: ..... 30-26 (third season)/same  
 Central Oklahoma (0-0): ..... Guy Hardaker (Central Oklahoma)  
 Record at UCO ..... 66-27 (fourth season)/same

## LAST TIME OUT

Pittsburg State: ..... Exhibition: November 9, 2009 at Kansas State; L, 89-61  
 ..... Last Season: March 9, 2009 vs. Washburn; L, 83-64 (MIAA Tournament)  
 Central Oklahoma: ..... Exhibition: Nov. 10, 2009 at Oklahoma City (NAIA); L, 98-74  
 ..... Last Season: March 16, 2009 at West Texas A&M; L, 65-52 (NCAA-II South Central Regional)

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Pittsburg State: ..... Nov. 20-21 at Texas Woman's Invitational  
 Central Oklahoma: ..... Nov. 20-21 at Southwestern Oklahoma Classic

## RANKINGS

Pittsburg State: ..... not ranked  
 Central Oklahoma: ..... No. 12 in ESPN/USA Today NCAA-II Coaches Poll

## MEDIA RELATIONS CONTACTS

Pittsburg State ..... Heidi Johnson  
 ..... (620) 235-4138 (o)  
 ..... hjohnson@pittstate.edu  
 Central Oklahoma ..... Mike Kirk  
 ..... (405) 974-2142  
 ..... mkirk@uco.edu

## 2009-10 PITT STATE SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Overall 0-0 (Home 0-0 ... Away 0-0 ... Neutral 0-0)

MIAA 0-0 (Home 0-0 ... Away 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Sun. 15	NO. 12 CENTRAL OKLAHOMA.....	3 p.m.
Fri. 20	vs. Tarleton State [1].....	5 p.m.
Sat. 21	at Texas Woman's [1].....	4 p.m.
Tues. 24	ARKANSAS-FORT SMITH.....	6 p.m.
Fri. 27	at Dixie State [2].....	6:30 p.m.
Sat. 28	vs. Academy of Arts [2].....	2 p.m.
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Wed. 2	MISSOURI WESTERN*.....	5:30 p.m.
Sat. 5	at Truman*.....	1 p.m.
Sat. 12	at Southwest Baptist*.....	5:30 p.m.
Sat. 19	at Arkansas-Fort Smith.....	2 p.m.
Mon. 28	CENTRAL MISSOURI*.....	5:30 p.m.
Wed. 30	at Northwest Missouri*.....	5:30 p.m.
<b>JANUARY</b>		
Sat. 2	MISSOURI SOUTHERN*.....	5:30 p.m.
Sat. 9	at Emporia State*.....	5:30 p.m.
Wed. 13	WASHBURN*.....	5:30 p.m.
Sat. 16	FORT HAYS STATE*.....	1:30 p.m.
Wed. 20	at Nebraska-Omaha*.....	5:30 p.m.
Sat. 23	at Missouri Western*.....	5:30 p.m.
Wed. 27	TRUMAN*.....	5:30 p.m.
Sat. 30	at Central Missouri*.....	1:30 p.m.
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Wed. 3	SOUTHWEST BAPTIST*.....	5:30 p.m.
Sat. 6	NORTHWEST MISSOURI*.....	1:30 p.m.
Wed. 10	at Missouri Southern*.....	5:30 p.m.
Wed. 17	EMPORIA STATE*.....	5:30 p.m.
Sat. 20	at Washburn*.....	5:30 p.m.
Wed. 24	at Fort Hays State*.....	5:30 p.m.
Sat. 27	NEBRASKA-OMAHA*.....	1:30 p.m.
<b>MARCH</b>		
4-7	MIAA Championships [3].....	TBA

ALL CAPS-Home game; [1] Texas Woman's Invitational - Denton, Texas; [2] Dixie State Invitational - St. George, Utah; [3] MIAA Tournament - Kansas City, Mo.

## PROBABLE GORILLA STARTING LINEUP

No.	Name	Pronunciation	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown (Last School)	'09 PPG	RPG	Notes
11	Maya Onikute	MY-uh O-NIK-uh-tay	G	Sr.	5-6	Queens, N.Y. (University of Houston)	--	--	Led the team with 5.7 rpg in exhibition play
12	Drew Roberts		G	Fr.	5-6	Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs HS)	--	--	Led the team with 12.3 ppg in exhibition play
14	Bailey Waugh		G	Jr.	5-9	Edna, Kan. (Labette County HS)	6.6	2.2	Hit a team-leading 50 threes in 2008-09
22	DePrice Taylor	de-PREESE	G	Sr.	5-8	Detroit, Mich./Barton County CC	10.3	3.3	Averaged over 10 points a game in her career
50	Nicole McCombs		C	Sr.	6-1	Richmond, Va./Drexel	15.7	7.2	First-team All-MIAA selection in 2008-09

## GORILLA COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** Lane Lord (Tabor '93) ... **Assistant Coaches:** Amanda Davied (Pitt State '03), Andy Majors (Pitt State '05), Anna Nimz (Pitt State '07) ... **Graduate Assistant:** Brianna Buchanan

*Game 1: vs. Central Oklahoma • John Lance Arena • Pittsburg, Kan.*

# Pitt State Women's Basketball



## GORILLA SEASON-OPENING RESULTS

**All-Time Opening Day Record:** 21-14

**Current Streak:** Won 2

**Home Record:** 15-4 (streak: won 2)

**Away Record:** 5-8 (streak: lost 1)

**Neutral Site Record:** 1-2 (streak: lost 2)

**Largest Season-Opening Victory:** 58 points (108-50) vs. Paul Quinn, Nov. 15, 2008

**Largest Season-Opening Loss:** 98 points (118-20) vs. Phillips, Dec. 7, 1974

Year	Site	Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Diff.
1974-75	H	Dec. 7	Phillips	L	118-20	-98
1975-76	A	Dec. 3	Ottawa	W	64-59	+5
1976-77	A	Dec. 4	Ottawa	W	56-50	+6
1977-78	A	Nov. 26	Marymount	L	56-39	-17
1978-79	H	Nov. 28	William Woods	L	65-49	-16
1979-80	A	Nov. 23	Missouri State	L	68-64	-4
1980-81	H	Nov. 25	Kansas State	L	96-40	-56
1981-82	A	Nov. 16	Avila	W	76-41	+35
1982-83	H	Nov. 16	Avila	W	54-39	+15
1983-84	A	Nov. 26	Rockhurst	L	61-58	-3
1984-85	A	Nov. 16	Arkansas-Monticello	L	59-51	-8
1985-86	H	Nov. 16	John Brown	W	72-61	+11
1986-87	A	Nov. 11	College of the Ozarks	W	72-70	+2
1987-88	A	Nov. 20	Northwest Missouri	L	81-70	-11
1988-89	N	Nov. 18	William Penn	W	76-51	+15
1989-90	N	Nov. 17	Grand View	L	73-67	-6
1990-91	A	Nov. 20	Emporia State	L	76-66	-10
1991-92	A	Nov. 22	Quincy	W	73-69	+4
1992-93	H	Nov. 20	John Brown	W	46-45	+1
1993-94	A	Nov. 23	Missouri Southern	L	97-68	-29
1994-95	H	Nov. 18	Texas A&M Kingsville	W	96-62	+34
1995-96	H	Nov. 17	Arkansas-Monticello	W	92-73	+19
1996-97	N	Nov. 15	Abilene Christian	L	66-52	-14
1997-98	H	Nov. 14	Culver Stockton	W	73-58	+15
1998-99	H	Nov. 13	Missouri Valley	W	67-30	+37
1999-00	H	Nov. 19	Culver Stockton	W	72-48	+24
2000-01	H	Nov. 17	Texas A&M Commerce	W	71-48	+23
2001-02	H	Nov. 16	St. Gregory's	W	74-68	+6
2002-03	H	Nov. 22	East Central	W	84-68	+6
2003-04	A	Nov. 15	Southern Indiana	L	91-86	-5
2004-05	H	Nov. 15	Missouri-St. Louis	W	80-61	+19
2005-06	H	Nov. 15	Park	W	71-56	+15
2006-07	H	Nov. 17	Missouri-St. Louis	L	75-65	-10
2007-08	H	Nov. 16	Central Oklahoma	W	78-72	+6
2008-09	H	Nov. 15	Paul Quinn	W	108-50	+58

## FREE FOOD

The Gorillas want to build a great home court atmosphere, so to kick off the season right Pittsburg State Athletics is sponsoring a pre-game tailgate between John Lance Arena and the tennis courts on Sunday afternoon beginning at 1:30 p.m. The first 300 students get a free meal of a hamburger and chips.

## SCOUTING CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

UCO returns three starters and five other letterwinners from last year's record-setting 27-6 squad that won a second straight Lone Star Conference North Division title and advanced to the finals of the South Central Regional in making it to the Sweet 16 for the first time ever.

The Bronchos also have back a letterwinner from the previous season and gained five newcomers, including two Division I transfers who figure to have an impact.

All that talent has UCO looking to make another deep run in the NCAA Division II national tournament this season, though a lack of inside depth is cause for real anxiety.

## SCOUTING PITT STATE

Pitt State returns two starters and five letterwinners from last season's squad that produced one of the best turnarounds in school history. The Gorillas finished third in the MIAA and made it to the semifinals of the MIAA Tournament before their season was ended by Washburn.

In addition, the Gorillas gain back three impact players who were out last season due to ACL injuries and add six new players, two of whom will start the Gorillas season opener.

In three exhibition games against Division I teams from the Big 12 North, the Gorillas had two players average double figures. Freshman Drew Roberts led the team with 12.3 points per game, while senior Nicole McCombs averaged 11.7 ppg. Newcomer Maya Onikute led the team with 5.7 rebounds per game. Onikute also led the team with eight assists over the three games.

## OPENING TIP

Pitt State opens the 2009-10 season this weekend, hosting Central Oklahoma at John Lance Arena. This year marks the 36th season of women's basketball at Pittsburg State. This is the 20th time Pitt State will open its season at home. It is also the second time in three seasons, the Gorillas have opened their season against Central Oklahoma.

Pitt State has won three of its last four season openers and 10 of its last 12. The Gorillas hold a 15-4 record when opening the season at home. The last lost in a season-opening game was Nov. 17, 2006 to Missouri-St. Louis, 75-65.

## PITT STATE VS. CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

**Overall:** PSU leads 10-6

PSU in Pittsburg: 2-2; in Edmond: 2-3; at neutral sites: 6-1

Year	Site	Date	W/L	Score	Diff.
1982-83	Shawnee, Okla.	Nov. 20	L	58-77	-19
1987-88	Edmond, Okla.	Dec. 11	W	64-63	+1
1988-89	Edmond, Okla.	Dec. 9	L	65-67	-2
1989-90	Pittsburg, Kan.	Nov. 25	L	67-90	-23
1989-90	Edmond, Okla.	Dec. 6	W	73-71	+2
1990-91	Joplin, Mo.	Nov. 23	W	51-47	+4
1990-91	Edmond, Okla.	Dec. 8	L	59-76	-17
1991-92	Pittsburg, Kan.	Nov. 30	L	64-67 (ot)	-3
1991-92	Edmond, Okla.	Dec. 14	L	64-67	-3
1992-93	Joplin, Mo.	Nov. 27	W	80-68	+12
1993-94	Pittsburg, Kan.	Nov. 27	W	79-65	+14
1993-94	Bolivar, Mo.	Dec. 10	W	79-65	+14
1994-95	Joplin, Mo.	Nov. 26	W	83-53	+30
1999-00	Lawton, Okla.	Dec. 10	W	69-52	+17
2007-08	Pittsburg, Kan.	Nov. 16	W	78-72	+6
2008-09	Weatherford, Okla.	Nov. 21	L	77-83	-6

*Game 1: vs. Central Oklahoma • John Lance Arena • Pittsburg, Kan.*

# Pitt State Women's Basketball



## USA TODAY/ESPN DIVISION II TOP 25

### Preseason

No.	School	Previous	Record	Points
1.	Michigan Tech (12)	8	27-7	563
2.	Franklin Pierce (3)	2	29-6	552
3.	California (Pa.)	4	29-5	486
4.	Delta State (1)	6	30-7	483
5.	Fort Lewis (2)	9	28-3	478
6.	Minnesota State-Mankato (8)	1	32-2	448
7.	Emporia State	17	26-6	409
8.	Alaska-Anchorage	3	31-4	383
9.	Stonehill	22	22-8	370
10.	West Texas A&M	5	28-6	341
11.	Indianapolis	24	24-10	328
12.	Central Oklahoma	12	23-5	297
13.	Clayton State	11	26-7	292
14.	California-San Diego	16	27-5	287
15.	Northern Kentucky	10	29-3	270
16.	Seattle Pacific	7	23-4	216
17.	Holy Family	NR	26-6	189
18.	Washburn	13	27-5	180
19.	Gannon	20	30-4	170
20.	Lenior-Rhyne	23	27-5	148
21.	Indiana (Pa.)	19	26-6	143
22.	Tampa	NR	26-6	141
23.	Hillsdale	15	27-4	139
24.	Quincy	18	27-5	120
25.	Grand Valley State	NR	20-10	111

**Others Receiving Votes:** Francis Marion 110, Valdosta State 75, Shaw 63, Drury 56, Philadelphia 47, Bentley 41, Tusculum 40, Fort Valley State 37, Lander 36, Ouchita Baptist 32, District of Columbia 32, Millersville (Pa.) 31, Johnson C. Smith 26, Northwood 24, Concordia-St. Paul 22, American International 21, Augustana (Ill.) 21, Columbus State 19, Rollins College 18, West Liberty 18, Incarnate Word 16, Arkansas Tech 16, Georgia College & State 14, Arkansas-Monticello 12, Barton College 10, Carson Newman 7, New Haven 7, South Carolina-Aiken 7, Wisconsin-Parkside 6, Fairmont State 5, Winona State 5, Dowling 4, West Georgia 4, PITTSBURG STATE 3, Cal Poly-Pomona 2, Molloy 2, Nova Southeastern 2, Wingate 2, Abilene Christian 1, Bowie State 1, Lewis 1, Minnesota State-Moorhead 1, St. Mary's (Texas) 1.

## WHAT'S RETURNING FROM 2008-09 FOR 2009-10

Category	Percent Returning
Games Started	53.5% (100-187)
Minutes Played	54.3% (3201-5900)
Points	58.6% (1294-2209)
Rebounds	53.3% (609-1142)
Field Goals	59.5% (455-765)
FT Made	60.5% (295-488)
FT Attempted	62.6% (452-722)
3-Point Field Goals	46.6% (89-191)
Assists	49.1% (181-369)
Blocks	55.1% (54-98)
Steals	43.6% (124-285)

## PSU VS. CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

This marks the 17th meeting between Central Oklahoma and the Gorillas. Pitt State holds a 10-6 advantage over the Bronchos.

The first meeting was Nov. 20, 1982 in a tournament in Shawnee, Okla. The Bronchos won the meetings 77-58. The last meeting was last season in Weatherford Oklahoma and was a 83-77 win for UCO. The largest win in the series was a 30-point win for the Gorillas on Nov. 26, 1994 in Joplin, Mo.

For the complete series history, see the box on the previous page.

## PRESEASON POLL

The Pittsburg State University women's basketball team drew the No. 3 pick by both conference coaches and media representatives in the 2009-10 MIAA Preseason Polls, released Tuesday (Oct. 27) at the Downtown Marriott.

The Gorillas received three first-place votes and 86 total points in balloting of the MIAA's 11 coaches. Pitt State earned one first place vote and 236 points in voting among 28 regional media representatives.

Emporia State University earned the preseason No. 1 ranking in both polls, while Washburn University was tabbed second in each poll.

Pitt State posted a breakthrough 20-9 record during the 2008-09 season, advancing to the semifinals of the MIAA Tournament under second-year head coach Lane Lord. The Gorillas notched their first 20-win season in a decade and narrowly missed qualifying for the NCAA-II National Tournament.

"I think expectations are very high in our third year," said Lord. "With the players we have returning, like Nicole McCombs and DePrice Taylor, I think people are recognizing that we have good quality depth. It is flattering to get three first-place votes from the coaches and have our colleagues recognize that we can compete and the top of the league."

McCombs returns for her senior season after earning first-team All-MIAA honors as a junior last year. She averaged a team-leading 15.7 points and 7.2 rebounds per game last season.

"It is nice to see that Pitt State is gaining respect among the coaches and media in the MIAA," McCombs said. "We appreciate the recognition, but hope to exceed expectations."

## PSU IN EXHIBITION GAMES

The Gorillas played three exhibition games against teams from the Big 12 Conference. The Gorillas went 0-3 in those games, but got good experience against tough competition.

Pitt State fell to Kansas, 86-56. Nicole McCombs led the Gorillas with 11 points, while Maya Onikute and Larissa Richards shared the rebounding lead with six a piece.

Against Nebraska, the Gorillas lost 68-54, but played much better basketball. PSU trailed the Huskers by only three points with 11 minutes left in the game. Drew Roberts led the team with 17 points, while Laura Glenn led with seven rebounds.

The Gorillas led Kansas State for most of the first half, before poor shooting and turnovers helped them to a 89-61 loss to the Wildcats. McCombs again led the team in scoring, this time with 12 points. Onikute was the leading rebounder with nine.

Over the three exhibition games, Roberts led the team with 12.3 ppg and hit eight threes. while shooting .412 from the floor. McCombs was the only other player averaging double figures with 11.7 ppg. Maya Onikute led the team with 5.7 rpg and 2.7 apg.

## UP NEXT

Pitt State travels to Denton, Texas next weekend to play in the Texas Woman's Invitational. The Gorillas will face Tarleton State at 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 20, followed by a 4 p.m. game against the host school at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21.

*Game 1: vs. Central Oklahoma • John Lance Arena • Pittsburg, Kan.*