

Pitt State Women's Basketball



PITT STATE (14-13, 12-8 MIAA)

AT THE MIAA TOURNAMENT

VS. NW MISSOURI (13-14, 9-11)

GAME DAY INFORMATION

What:at the MIAA Tournament
 Round 1: vs. Northwest Missouri
 When:Thursday, March 4 - 2:15 p.m.
 Where: Municipal Auditorium • Kansas City, Mo.

HEAD COACHES

Pittsburg State (14-13, 12-8 MIAA): Lane Lord (Tabor '93)
 Record at PSU/Overall: 44-39 (third season)/same
 Northwest Missouri (13-14, 9-11 MIAA): Gene Steinmeyer (Nebraska-Kearney '73)
 Record at NWMSU/Overall: 153-159 (11th season)/513-300 (26th season)

LAST TIME OUT

Pittsburg State:Feb. 27 vs. Nebraska-Omaha; W, 87-64
 Northwest Missouri: Feb. 27 vs. Missouri Southern; W, 69-52

WHAT'S NEXT?

Pittsburg State: With a win - Saturday, March 6 vs. Washburn/Southwest Baptist - Noon
 With a loss - Season Over
 Northwest Missouri: .. With a win - Saturday, March 6 vs. Washburn/Southwest Baptist - Noon
 With a loss - Season Over

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2009-10 PITT STATE SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Overall 14-13 (Home 11-1... Away 3-10 ... Neutral 0-2)

MIAA 12-8 (Home 9-1 ... Away 3-7)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
NOVEMBER		
Sun. 15	NO. 12 CENTRAL OKLAHOMA.....	W, 70-69
Fri. 20	vs. Tarleton State [1].....	L, 46-75
Sat. 21	at Texas Woman's [1].....	L, 69-71
Tues. 24	ARKANSAS-FORT SMITH.....	W, 87-76
Fri. 27	at Dixie State [2].....	L, 84-85
Sat. 28	vs. Academy of Arts [2].....	L, 67-71
DECEMBER		
Wed. 2	MISSOURI WESTERN*.....	W, 60-43
Sat. 5	at Truman*.....	L, 75-63 (OT)
Sat. 12	at Southwest Baptist*.....	W, 77-68
Sat. 19	at Arkansas-Fort Smith.....	L, 65-68
Mon. 28	CENTRAL MISSOURI*.....	W, 67-62
Wed. 30	at Northwest Missouri*.....	W, 79-68
JANUARY		
Sat. 2	MISSOURI SOUTHERN*.....	W, 67-66
Sat. 9	at Emporia State*.....	L, 62-79
Wed. 13	WASHBURN*.....	W, 58-57 (OT)
Sat. 16	FORT HAYS STATE*.....	W, 71-65
Wed. 20	at Nebraska-Omaha*.....	L, 66-60
Sat. 23	at Missouri Western*.....	L, 74-67
Wed. 27	TRUMAN*.....	W, 83-63
Sat. 30	at Central Missouri*.....	L, 62-75
FEBRUARY		
Wed. 3	SOUTHWEST BAPTIST*.....	L, 57-76
Sat. 6	NORTHWEST MISSOURI*.....	W, 106-102 (20T)
Wed. 10	at Missouri Southern*.....	L, 72-57
Wed. 17	EMPORIA STATE*.....	W, 71-66
Sat. 20	at Washburn*.....	L, 45-80
Wed. 24	at Fort Hays State*.....	W, 78-74
Sat. 27	NEBRASKA-OMAHA*.....	W, 87-64
MARCH		
4	vs. Northwest Missouri [3].....	2:15 p.m.

ALL CAPS-Home game; [1] DFW Marriott Champions Circle Pioneer Premier - Denton, Texas; [2] Dixie State Thanksgiving Invitational - St. George, Utah; [3] MIAA Tournament - Kansas City, Mo.

PROBABLE GORILLA STARTING LINEUP

No.	Name	Pronunciation	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown (Last School)	PPG	RPG	Notes
11	Maya Onikute	MY-AH o-NIK-uh-tay	G	Sr.	5-6	Queens, N.Y. (Houston)	10.0	5.9	Honorable Mention All-MIAA
22	DePrice Taylor	de-PREESE	G	Sr.	5-8	Detroit, Mich. (Barton County CC)	13.2	5.3	First Team All-MIAA
21	Amanda Orloske	or-loss-KEE	G	So.	5-9	Wichita, Kan. (Wichita Heights HS)	3.4	0.9	Averages 7.2 ppg as a starter
40	Larissa Richards		C	SO.	6-3	Great Bend, Kan. (Great Bend HS)	4.8	3.9	Averaging 7.7 ppg & 5.5 rpg over last 6 games
50	Nicole McCombs		F	Sr.	5-10	Richmond, Va. (Drexel)	13.5	6.8	Honorable Mention All-MIAA

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MIAA STANDINGS

Team	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Washburn (15)	17	3	.850	23	3	.885
Emporia State (5)	16	4	.800	23	4	.852
Central Missouri	13	7	.650	17	10	.630
Pittsburg State	12	8	.600	14	13	.519
Northwest Missouri	9	11	.450	13	4	.481
Missouri Southern	9	11	.450	15	12	.556
Fort Hays State	8	12	.400	15	12	.556
Southwest Baptist	8	12	.400	10	17	.370
Nebraska-Omaha	7	13	.350	12	15	.444
Truman	6	14	.300	11	16	.407
Missouri Western	5	15	.250	7	20	.259

(#) USA Today National Ranking

PITT STATE VS. NORTHWEST MISSOURI

Overall: PSU leads 24-16

PSU in Pittsburg: 14-4; in Maryville: 10-10; at neutral sites: 1-1

Year	Site	Date	W/L	Score	Diff.
1979-80	Springfield, Mo.	Nov. 24	L	65-62	-3
1987-88	Maryville, Mo.	Nov. 20	L	81-70	-11
1987-88	Topeka, Kan.	Nov. 27	W	81-80	+1
1988-89	Maryville, Mo.	Nov. 19	L	72-65	-7
1989-90	Maryville, Mo.	Jan. 13	L	74-58	-16
1990-91	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 12	L	86-72	-14
1991-92	Maryville, Mo.	Jan. 11	L	82-77	-5
1992-93	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 10	W	71-51	+20
1993-94	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 12	W	101-88	+13
1993-94	Maryville, Mo.	Feb. 16	W	71-59	+12
1994-95	Maryville, Mo.	Jan. 11	W	96-74	+22
1994-95	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 15	W	85-58	+27
1995-96	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 13	W	107-85	+22
1995-96	Maryville, Mo.	Feb. 17	W	77-75	+2
1996-97	Maryville, Mo.	Dec. 20	L	69-54	-15
1996-97	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 12	W	81-67	+14
1997-98	Maryville, Mo.	Feb. 11	L	73-65	-8
1998-99	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 10	W	80-57	+23
1999-00	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 8	W	77-74	+3
1999-00	Maryville, Mo.	Feb. 5	W	96-87	+9
2000-01	Maryville, Mo.	Jan. 6	W	73-71	+2
2000-01	Pittsburg, Mo.	Feb. 3	W	72-66	+6
2001-02	Maryville, Mo.	Jan. 5	L	79-67	-13
2001-02	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 2	W	67-54	+13
2002-03	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 4	W	65-44	+21
2002-03	Maryville, Mo.	Feb. 1	L	71-69	-2
2003-04	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 17	L	66-62	-4
2003-04	Maryville, Mo.	Feb. 14	L	76-54	-22
2004-05	Maryville, Mo.	Jan. 15	W	54-52	+2
2004-05	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 12	W	57-56	+1
2005-06	Maryville, Mo.	Jan. 21	L	82-75	-7
2005-06	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 4	W	90-73	+17
2006-07	Maryville, Mo.	Jan. 13	W	68-65	+3
2006-07	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 10	L	65-62	-3
2007-08	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 19	L	95-65	-30
2007-08	Maryville, Mo.	Feb. 16	L	71-58	-13
2008-09	Pittsburg, Kan.	Dec. 31	W	73-70	+3
2008-09	Maryville, Mo.	Feb. 7	W	72-57	+15
2009-10	Maryville, Mo.	Dec. 30	W	79-68	+11
2009-10	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 6	W	106-102++	+4

OPENING TIP

As March Madness opens up all over the country, the Gorillas make a return trip to the MIAA Tournament as the league's No. 4 seed. The Gorillas will face fifth-seeded Northwest Missouri in Thursday's second game at 2:15 p.m.

PITT STATE IN THE MIAA TOURNAMENT

Pitt State is 7-18 in its MIAA Tournament appearances. The Gorillas have only missed the tournament two times since joining the conference, the first season (1989-90) and in 2008. PSU was one and done in its last nine tournament appearances prior to last season. The Gorillas had lost 10 games straight before earning the 81-79 win over Nebraska-Omaha in last season's opening round. The only time Pitt State won back-to-back games in the tournament was in 1992, when the Gorillas finished as the tournament runners up.

SCOUTING NORTHWEST MISSOURI

Fort Hays State is 13-14 on the season and 9-11 in MIAA play. They are the fifth seed in the MIAA Tournament.

The Bearcats have only won three of their last 10 games, including the regular season finale over Missouri Southern. Two of the six games have been overtime losses, at Pittsburg State and at Truman.

The team averages 73.4 points a game, while giving up 73.3. The team is out rebounded by opponents 42.5 to 39.3. The team hits 39 percent of its shots overall and 37 percent from three point range.

The Bearcats have four players averaging double figures on the season, led by Abby Henry with 16.6. Gentry Dietz is not far behind with 15.5 points per game. Gabby Curtis and Shelly Martin round out double figure scorers with 11.8 and 10.1 points per game. Henry leads the team in assists and steals, though neither Curtis nor Martin are far behind. Dietz is the team's rebounding leader with 8.4 rebounds per game.

Martin and Curtis are the team's leading three-point shooters. Martin hits at a .473 clip from three-point range and has made 52 threes on the season. Curtis hits 33 percent of her three point attempts and has made 40 total threes on the season.

SCOUTING PITT STATE

The Gorillas are 14-13 on the season and 12-8 in MIAA play. They finished fourth in the MIAA race after winning each of their last two games and four of the last six. Twelve of the 13 Pitt State losses have come on the road. The Gorillas lost only one game at home this season, a 76-57 loss to Southwest Baptist on Feb. 3.

Pitt State is shooting .383 from the floor and averaging 69.1 points and 42.3 rebounds per game. The team is hitting only .275 from three-point range and .673 from the charity stripe. One troubling spot for the Gorillas is the assist/turnover ratio. The Gorillas have only one assist for every 1.71 turnovers and average 19.1 turnovers a game.

Nicole McCombs has taken over as the team's leading scorer with 13.5 points per game. She also leads

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2009-10 PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	YR.	EXP.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
4	Courtney Tate	G	5-9	So.	RS	Grandview, Mo./Grandview High School
5	Lisa Elmer	F	5-11	Fr.	HS	Pittsburg, Kan./St. Mary's-Colgan High School
11	Maya Onikute	G	5-6	Sr.	TR	Queens, N.Y./University of Houston
12	Drew Roberts	G	5-6	Fr.	HS	Blue Springs, Mo./Blue Springs High School
14	Bailey Waugh	G	5-9	Jr.	2L	Edna, Kan./Labette County High School
15	Aubrey Jones	F/C	6-3	Sr.	1L	Pittsburg, Kan./Independence Community College
21	Amanda Orloske	G	5-9	So.	1L	Wichita, Kan./Wichita Heights High School
22	DePrice Taylor	G	5-8	Sr.	2L	Detroit, Mich./Barton County Community College
24	Lauren Brown	F/C	6-6	Fr.	HS	Wichita, Kan./Independent High School
32	Marissa Poppe	F	5-10	Jr.	2L	Girard, Kan./Girard High School
33	Whitney Conerly	G	5-8	Sr.	1L	Ontario, Calif./Northeastern Oklahoma A&M
35	Ciarra Washington	F	5-10	Fr.	HS	Gardner, Kan./Gardner-Edgerton High School
40	Larissa Richards	F/C	6-3	So.	RS	Great Bend, Kan./Great Bend High School
42	Laura Glenn	F	5-11	Jr.	2L	Marshfield, Mo./Marshfield High School
43	Tesia Danner	F/C	6-2	Fr.	HS	Kansas City, Mo./Central High School
50	Nicole McCombs	F/C	6-1	Sr.	1L	Richmond, Va./Drexel University

Pronunciation Key

MAYA ONIKUTEMY-uh O-NIK-uh-tay
Bailey WAUGHWAA
Amanda ORLOSKEor-loss-KEE
DEPRICE TaylorDEE-PREES
Marissa POPPEPOP-ee (like the flower)
CIARRA WashingtonSEE-air-ah
TESIA DannerTAY-zah
Amanda DAVIDDAVID
Brianna BUCHANANByu-CAN-an

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Lane Lord (Tabor '93); **Assistant Coach:** Amanda Davied (Pittsburg State '03); Andy Majors (Pittsburg State '05), Anna Nimz (Pittsburg State '07); **Graduate Assistant:** Brianna Buchanan (Pittsburg State '09)

PITT STATE IN THE MIAA TOURNAMENT

Overall: PSU is 7-18

Year	Opponent	Date	W/L	Score	Diff.
1990-91	Southeast Missouri [1]	Feb. 26	L	81-74	-7
1991-92	Missouri-St. Louis [2]	March 3	W	79-53	+26
1991-92	Central Missouri [2]	March 5	W	69-56	+13
1991-92	Washburn [2]	March 7	L	54-56	-8
1992-93	Missouri S&T [2]	March 2	W	70-53	+17
1992-93	Missouri Southern [3]	March 4	L	82-67	-15
1993-94	Central Missouri [4]	Feb. 28	L	80-61	-19
1994-95	Southwest Baptist [2]	Feb. 28	W	84-79	+5
1994-95	Missouri Western [5]	March 2	L	81-72	-9
1995-96	Missouri Western [2]	Feb. 26	L	72-71	-1
1996-97	Washburn [6]	Feb. 25	W	79-62	+17
1996-97	Central Missouri [4]	Feb. 27	L	86-71	-15
1997-98	Central Missouri [2]	Feb. 23	W	76-63	+13
1997-98	Emporia State [7]	Feb. 25	L	95-80	-15
1998-99	Truman [2]	Feb. 23	L	71-64	-7
1999-00	Missouri Western [5]	Feb. 28	L	58-51	-7
2000-01	Central Missouri [4]	Feb. 28	L	95-91	-4
2001-02	Missouri Southern [2]	Feb. 25	L	69-65	-4
2002-03	Missouri Western [7]	March 6	L	64-61	-3
2003-04	Washburn [7]	March 4	L	71-58	-13
2004-05	Missouri Western [7]	March 3	L	72-70	-2
2005-06	Emporia State [7]	March 2	L	78-58	-20
2006-07	Missouri Western [7]	March 2	L	86-66	-20
2008-09	Nebraska-Omaha [7]	March 6	W	81-79	+2
2008-09	Washburn [7]	March 7	L	83-64	-19

[1] Cape Girardeau, Mo.; [2] Pittsburg, Kan.; [3] Joplin, Mo.; [4] Warrensburg, Mo.; [5] St. Joseph, Mo.; [6] Topeka, Kan. [7] Kansas City, Mo.

the team in rebounding with 6.7 per game. DePrice Taylor is the team's second leading scorer and third leading rebounder with 13.2 points and 5.3 rebounds per game. Taylor leads the team in assists and steals. Maya Onikute also averages double figures with 10.0 points per game. She averages 5.9 rebounds per game to be the team's second leading rebounder. She has averaged just over 15 points a game in two games against the league's top two teams. Larissa Richards has also come on as of late for the Gorillas. She is averaging 7.7 points and 5.5 rebound per game over the last six games. She is the team's leading shot blocker with 46 blocks on the season.

Pitt State allows its opponents to hit .403 from the floor, including .354 from three-point range, amounting to 70.7 points per game. Opponents grab 39.2 rebounds per game, an average of nearly three per game less than the Gorillas.

PSU VS. NORTHWEST MISSOURI

Pitt State leads the all-time series with Northwest Missouri, 24-16. The Gorillas lead 14-4 in Pittsburg and the teams are tied in both Maryville and at neutral sites.

Pitt State took both games this season, winning a 79-68 decision in Maryville and a 106-102 double overtime win in Pittsburg.

Pitt State has won each of the last four games. The Gorillas have the longest streak of wins in the series, seven from Jan. 10, 2003 to Feb. 17, 1996. The Bearcats' longest streak of wins is four games from Nov. 19, 1988 to Jan. 11, 1992.

The biggest win by either team in the series was a 30-point win, 95-65, by Northwest Missouri on January 19, 2008. Pitt State's largest win was a 27-point win, 85-58, on Feb. 15, 1995.

For complete series information, please see the box on page 2.

THREE EARN ALL-MIAA HONORS

Pitt State senior DePrice Taylor garnered first-team All-MIAA honors, while teammates Nicole McCombs and Maya Onikute were named to the honorable mention squad Tuesday (Mar. 2).

Pitt State was the only conference squad to secure three players on the All-MIAA lists.

Taylor, a Detroit, Mich., native, has averaged 13.2 points and 5.3 rebounds per game, while compiling a team-leading 63 assists and 49 steals.

She joins Emporia State's Cassandra Boston, who was voted the league's Most Valuable Player, Washburn's Dayna Rodriguez, Central Missouri's Rebecca Roberts, NW Missouri State's Gentry Dietz and Fort Hays State's Naomi Bancroft on the first-team All-MIAA squad.

McCombs, a senior from Richmond, Va., earned All-MIAA honors for a second season, after being named to the first-team All-MIAA team in 2009. McCombs led Pitt State in scoring and rebounding,

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2009-10 STARTING LINE-UPS

Games	Record	Line-Up (F-F/G-G-G-G)
1-2	1-1	McCombs-Taylor-Waugh-Roberts-Onikute
3	0-1	Jones-Glenn-Taylor-Waugh-Roberts
4-6	1-2	Jones-Glenn-Taylor-Onikute-Roberts
7, 9	2-0	McCombs-Glenn-Taylor-Onikute-Roberts
8, 15-17	2-2	Richards-Glenn-Taylor-Onikute-Roberts
10	0-1	McCombs-Glenn-Taylor-Waugh-Roberts
11-14, 25	3-2	McCombs-Richards-Taylor-Onikute-Roberts
18, 22	1-1	McCombs-Conerly-Taylor-Onikute-Orloske
19-20	1-1	McCombs-Poppe-Taylor-Onikute-Orloske
21	0-1	Richards-Poppe-Taylor-Onikute-Orloske
23	0-1	McCombs-Glenn-Taylor-Onikute-Conerly
24	1-0	McCombs-Conerly-Taylor-Onikute-Roberts
25	1-0	McCombs-Richards-Taylor-Onikute-Orloske
26	1-0	McCombs-Jones-Taylor-Onikute-Conerly

CONSECUTIVE STARTS

Taylor	42 games
Onikute	16 games
McCombs	6 games
Jones	1 game
Conerly	1 game

TOTAL CAREER STARTS

Taylor	77 games
McCombs	34 games
Glenn	29 games
Poppe	28 games
Onikute	24 games
Roberts	19 games
Richards	15 games
Waugh	6 games
Orloske	6 games
Jones	5 games
Conerly	5 games

2009-10 DOUBLE-DOUBLE PERFORMANCES

11/15/09	Maya Onikute	20 points, 10 rebounds
11/15/09	Nicole McCombs	12 points, 10 rebounds
11/21/09	DePrice Taylor	18 points, 10 rebounds
11/21/09	Maya Onikute	11 points, 10 rebounds
11/24/09	Laura Glenn	12 points, 11 rebounds
12/28/09	DePrice Taylor	11 points, 11 rebounds
12/30/09	Nicole McCombs	20 points, 10 rebounds
1/13/10	Laura Glenn	12 points, 14 rebounds
1/13/10	DePrice Taylor	15 points, 10 rebounds
1/16/10	Nicole McCombs	14 points, 14 rebounds
2/6/10	Nicole McCombs	25 points, 13 rebounds
2/6/10	Laura Glenn	12 points, 11 rebounds
2/17/10	Larissa Richards	11 points, 11 rebounds
2/27/10	Nicole McCombs	26 points, 11 rebounds

averaging 13.5 points and 6.8 rebounds per game.

Onikute, a senior from Houston, Texas, averaged 10.0 points and 5.9 rebounds per game in her first and only season with the Gorillas.

THIS SEASON VS. NW MISSOURI IN MARYVILLE

The Pitt State women's basketball team improved to 4-1 in conference action and evened their record at 6-6 with a 79-68 win over Northwest Missouri in Maryville, Mo. on Wednesday (Dec. 30) evening.

Senior Nicole McCombs led the team with 20 points and 10 rebounds for a double-double. Junior Bailey Waugh added 17 points and was a perfect 5-for-5 from three-point range. Senior DePrice Taylor added 16 points, scoring 10 in the second half.

Four Bearcats scored in double figures, led by Abby Henry with 17. Gabby Curtis had 11 and Gentry Dietz and Shelly Martin each added 10.

The game was even to the first media timeout, 9-9, but then Pitt State began to pull ahead. Waugh hit three threes in under four minutes to help push the Gorillas to a 24-15 lead at the midway point in the half. The Gorilla defense held tough, holding the Bearcats scoreless from 6:33 to 2:45. During that span, the Gorillas poured in eight points to take a 36-20 lead. Northwest Missouri got a couple late buckets, but Pitt State answered and ended the first half with a 42-28 lead.

Pitt State did not hit its first shot from the floor in the second half until the 15:06 mark. The Bearcats outscored the Gorillas 10-5 during the first five minutes of the second half, with the only Gorilla points coming from the charity stripe. PSU's offense came alive just after the 14 minute mark as they went on a 10-2 run to take a double digit lead again at 59-44 with just under 12 minutes remaining. The Gorillas built as much as a 20-point lead, 66-46, with 8:55 remaining and was able to hold a double digit lead the rest of the game to finish with a 79-69 win.

THIS SEASON VS. NW MISSOURI IN PITTSBURG

Two school records were set as the Pitt State women's basketball team (11-11, 9-6 MIAA) earned a 106-102 overtime win over Northwest Missouri (11-11, 7-8 MIAA) on Saturday afternoon in Pittsburg.

The 208 combined points in the game are the most combined points in school history. The previous high was 206 points in a 104-102 Pitt State win over Truman in Kirksville, Mo. on Jan. 28, 1995. The Gorillas also set a school record for most rebounds in a game as they grabbed 71 rebounds, including 34 off the offensive glass. The previous high was 64 rebounds against Missouri-St. Louis on Jan. 21, 1995.

Two players recorded double-doubles for Pitt State. Nicole McCombs scored a season-high 25 points and pulled down 13 rebounds, including 11 off the offensive glass. Laura Glenn scored 12 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Ten of Glenn's 12 points came on 10-of-11 shooting from the charity stripe. DePrice Taylor tied her career high with 24 points. Larissa Richards set a new career high with 19 points before an injury took her out of the game with 10:06 left in the game.

Northwest Missouri had five players score in double figures. Abby Henry led all players with 33 points. she was a perfect 12-for-12 from the charity stripe in a game that saw 57 total fouls committed. Gentry Dietz earned a double-double with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Shelly Martin added 16. Gabby Curtis and Emily hauder scored 11 and 10, respectively.

Though Northwest shot slightly better than the Gorillas for the game, Pitt State made 10 more free throws and outrebounded the Bearcats 71-55. Pitt State also took care of the ball well in the last 40 minutes of the game. The Gorillas turned the ball over 10 times in the first 10 minutes of the game, but only committed 11 in the rest of the game.

Pitt State showed a lot of fortitude in the waning minutes of regulation to give themselves a chance for the win. The Gorillas trailed by eight with 5:57 to go in the game. In forty seconds, four points from Taylor whittled that lead to four. Two Abby Henry free throws gave the Bearcats a 6-point lead again, 80-74. Maya Onikute, who had only one point previously in the game, knocked down a three with 4:49 left to cut the Bearcat lead to three. The Gorillas continued to battle, holding Northwest within four until a second Onikute three put Pitt State within one with 1:50 remaining in regulation. Dietz drove in for a layup on the other end, giving Northwest a 87-84 advantage with a minute and a half to go. With 45 seconds left, Glenn drove hit a layup and was fouled. She nailed the free throw to tie the game 87-87. Each team had another shot to go ahead, with Pitt State getting the last attempt,

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but neither was successful, sending the game into overtime.

The two teams traded baskets through the first overtime. Pitt State scored first on a Taylor layup. Gabby Curtis answered with a three for Northwest. Pitt State gained a two-point advantage, 94-92 with 29 seconds left as Glenn hit the second of two free throws. Henry shot a layup on the other end to tie the game, and PSU missed a shot at the buzzer to head into the second overtime.

The second overtime belonged to the Gorillas. Taylor hit a layup five seconds in, and although the Bearcats tied the game three times, they were never able to take the lead. A Courtney Tate layup with 51 seconds remaining gave Pitt State a 104-100 advantage, their biggest lead of the game. The game's best free throw shooters, Henry for Northwest and Glenn for Pitt State, each made two more free throws to arrive at the final 106-102 score.

Northwest Missouri dominated the first half, holding as much as an 11-point lead, 40-29, with 2:13 to go. Pitt State went on a 10-2 run to end the first half down only three, 42-39.

UP NEXT

With a win, the Gorillas will face the winner of the No. 8 vs. No. 1 seed game, either Southwest Baptist or Washburn, at Noon on Saturday, March 6. The winner will advance to the championship game. With a loss, the Gorillas will wrap up the 2009-10 season.

LAST TIME OUT

Seniors Nicole McCombs and DePrice Taylor combined for 45 points to lead Pitt State to an 87-64 win over Nebraska-Omaha Saturday (Feb. 27) at John Lance Arena.

McCombs logged a double-double with 26 points and 11 rebounds, while Taylor added 19 points on Senior Day in the regular season finale.

The Gorillas (14-13, 12-8 MIAA) earn the No. 4 seed in the MIAA Postseason Tournament and Pitt State will face No. 5 seed NW Missouri State Thursday (Mar. 4) at 2:15 pm (CST) at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo.

Pitt State broke open a 27-27 game at the 7:12 mark of the first half with a 10-0 run to take control. The Gorillas closed out the half with a 45-36 advantage and the Lady Mavs never got any closer in the final 20 minutes of play.

Pitt State shot 50 percent from the field (31 of 62) in the contest, while limiting UNO to 30.3 percent shooting (20 of 66).

Drew Roberts added 10 points for the Gorillas, while Bailey Waugh had eight points and nine rebounds and Larissa Richards chipped in with eight points.

HOME SWEET HOME

Nine of Pitt State's 11 wins have come at home, while all but one of its losses have been on the road. Though good nights at Southwest Baptist and Northwest Missouri, have improved road stats, the confines of John Lance Arena have been a safer place for the Gorillas to play this season. Following is a break down of the Gorillas play at home and on the road this season.

Category	Home	Road
Record	11-1	3-12
Scoring	72.5 ppg	64.5 ppg
Opponent Points	67.7 ppg	73.4 ppg
FG Percentage	.381 (265-695)	.373 (314-842)
3FG Percentage	.292 (68-233)	.245 (67-274)
FT Percentage	.721 (199-276)	.623 (208-334)
Rebounds	44.0 rpg	40.0 rpg
Rebounding Margin	+3.9	+1.1
Assists	12.5 apg	9.7 apg
Turnovers	18.1 topg	20.7 topg

Blocks	3.9 bpg	3.0 bpg
Steals	6.7 spg	8.4 spg

Pitt State has a 299-172 (.635) all-time record in John Lance Arena, including a 110-62 (.640) record since 2000 and a 27-11 (.711) record in three years under Lane Lord.

GORILLAS IN THE MIAA STATS

DePrice Taylor is the league's 12th leading scorer at 13.0 points per game. She is also 15th in rebounds (5.4 rpg) and sixth in steals (1.8 spg). Nicole McCombs is 11th on the scoring list with 13.5 points per game. She also ranks ninth in rebounding (6.7 rpg), second in offensive rebounds (3.6 oprg) and eighth in free throw percentage (.725, 100-for-138). Maya Onikute is 12th in rebounding (6.0 rpg) and Larissa Richards is fourth in blocks (1.6 bpg).

PINK ZONE

Pittsburg State Women's Basketball team joined with Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center and Jock's Nitch Sporting Goods to host a Pink Zone game against Emporia State on Feb. 17. The Pink Zone is an initiative of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and designed to raise breast cancer awareness on the court, across campuses and in the community. The late Kay Yow, former North Carolina State University head women's basketball coach, served as the catalyst for the initiative after her third recurrence of breast cancer in 2006.

According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the second most common and deadly form of cancer in women. Early detection has played a role in lowering the death rate for breast cancer and increasing the number of survivors in the United States to nearly 2.5 million.

As part of the Pink Zone promotion players will wear special pink jerseys for the game. A silent auction for the jerseys will be held after the game, with the proceeds going to help both the PSU scholarship fund and Mt. Carmel Regional Cancer Center. Fans are encouraged to also wear pink to the game.

The Gorillas also participated in the Pink Zone initiative last season and raised \$1,000.

The WBCA began the WBCA Pink Zone™, formerly known as "Think Pink", in 2007 as an initiative to raise breast cancer awareness in women's basketball, on campuses and in communities. In 2007, more than 120 schools unified for this effort and helped make the inaugural year a success. The 2009 campaign raised over \$1.3 million, reached more than 912,000 fans, unified more than 1,600 participating teams and organizations, and saw 56+ schools break attendance records at their events. Participating schools are encouraged to donate funds raised to the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund™ or to local cancer centers and charities.

The NCAA also has joined the WBCA Pink Zone™ initiative by implementing the "Calling for a Cure" campaign where all NCAA women's basketball officials will blow a pink whistle February 12-21, 2009. Additionally, officials are encouraged to make a donation to the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund™. The NCAA has raised more the \$45,000 in the last two years through their "Calling for a Cure" campaign.

SONIC TROPHY SERIES

The Missouri Southern and Pittsburg State 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.

The series is so far tied at 2-2. Pitt State won both the football and volleyball points, while Missouri Southern took both the men's and women's cross country points.

Since both the men's and women's basketball teams split the regular season series,

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final league standings will determine who wins the basketball points. Pitt State won the women's point and Missouri Southern, the men's leaving the series tied at 3-3.

MCCOMBS NAMED MIAA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Pittsburg State senior forward Nicole McCombs was named the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Women's Basketball Athlete of the Week on Jan. 4.

McCombs averaged 17.0 points and 6.3 rebounds per game in Pitt State's three post-Christmas games against Central Missouri, Northwest Missouri and Missouri Southern. The senior from Richmond, Va., has been a crucial part of Pitt State's 5-1 conference start.

In only 19 minutes against Central Missouri, McCombs scored 19 points, 11 in the second half and nine in the last 2:33 of the game. Against Northwest, she recorded a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds, both season highs. McCombs finished the week with 12 points and four rebounds in the win over Missouri Southern.

For the season, McCombs is Pitt State's second-leading scorer, averaging 12.6 points per game. She is the team's leading rebounder, averaging 6.6 boards per game. McCombs is shooting .603 from the field and .750 from the free throw line.

McCombs is the daughter of Michael and Fronnie McCombs. She is majoring in psychology.

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.

GORILLAS SIGN THREE

Pittsburg State University Women's Basketball Coach Lane Lord announced the signing of three student-athletes in the early signing period on Thursday (Nov. 19.). Sara Molz, Katy Cooper and Y'cedria Devers will play for the Gorillas beginning in the 2010-11 season.

Cooper is a 6-2 forward from Stella, Mo. She is a student at East Newton High School. She earned All-Big Eight Conference honors last season as she helped East Newton to a 17-11 record in 2009. Last season she averaged 14 points and 12 rebounds per game. She has been a four-year starter in both basketball and volleyball for the Patriots. Cooper is undecided on a major. She is the daughter of Sara Camerer and Steve Cooper.

"Katy is very athletic," Lord said. "She runs the floor well and blocks shots. She is very good in transition on both offense and defense. She will add a lot of athleticism in the post position."

Y'cedria Devers is a 5-9 guard/forward from Bixby, Oklahoma. She attends Bixby High School. In 2009 she was a Tulsa World honorable mention all-area selection. As a junior she averaged eight points, just over six rebounds and four steals per game. She is the daughter of Y'vette Cornelius and Cedric Devers and plans to major in early childhood education at PSU.

"Y'cedria is a combo guard who likes to get to the basket," Lord said. "She is a tremendous athlete who will work well with our style of play."

Sara Molz is a 5-4 point guard from Kiowa, Kan. She attends South Barber High School. Last season she averaged 13 points, 4.3 rebounds and 5.3 assists for the Cheiftans. She helped her team to a third place finish in the state in 2008 and a sub-state runner-up finish in 2009. She has been named all-state three times. In addition to being a four-year starter in basketball, Molz has also been a four-year starter in volleyball and a two-year letterwinner in track. She is the daughter of Ron and Kristi Molz and plans to major in elementary education at Pittsburg State.

"Sara is also a combo guard who can shoot the three," Lord said. "She is a floor leader and sees the floor very well."

"We fulfilled some needs in this recruiting class," Lord said. "We have signed a guard, forward and center that will replace some of the positions that we will lose after this season. All three are very athletic and talented."

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2009-10 GORILLA SEASON & CAREER HIGHS

Players listed alphabetically

#24 LAUREN BROWN

2009-10 Season & Career

Pts	4 vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 2/27/10
Rbs	5 vs. Truman, 1/27/10
Blk	2, two times; last vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 2/27/10
Min	5, 4x, last vs. Truman, 1/27/10
FG	2 vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 2/27/10
FGA	4 vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 2/27/10
FT	1, 2x, last vs. Emporia State, 2/17/10
FTA	2, 3x, last vs. Emporia State, 2/17/10

#33 WHITNEY CONERLY

2009-10 Season

Pts	6 at Missouri Southern, 2/10/10
Rbs	4 vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 2/27/10
Ast.	3 vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 2/27/10
Stl	1, 6x, last at Nebraska-Omaha, 1/20/10
Min	21 at Missouri Southern, 2/10/10
FG	2, 2x, last at Missouri Southern, 2/10/10
FGA	5 at Missouri Southern, 2/10/10
3FG	0
3FGA	1, 3x, last at NW Missouri, 12/30/09
FT	2, 2x, last at Missouri Southern, 2/10/10
FTA	4 at Missouri Southern, 2/10/10

Dbl Figure scoring games - none in 2009-10 & one in PSU career

#42 LAURA GLENN

2009-10 Season

Pts	15 vs. Missouri Western, 12/2/09
Rbs	14 vs. Washburn, 1/13/09
Ast.	3, 5x, last vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 2/27/10
Stl	2, 6x, last at Nebraska-Omaha, 1/20/10
Blk	1 vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/6/10
Min	40 at Truman, 12/5/09
FG	6, 2x, last vs. Missouri southern, 1/2/10
FGA	14 vs. Academy of Art, 11/28/09
3 FG	2 vs. Missouri Western, 12/2/09
3FGA	3, 2x, last vs. Emporia St., 2/17/10
FT	10 vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/6/10
FTA	11 vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/6/10

Dbl Figure scoring games - eight in 2009-10 & 21 in PSU career

Double Doubles - three in 2009-10 & five in PSU career

#15 AUBREY JONES

2009-10 Season

Pts	8 at Dixie State, 11/27/09
Rbs	6 at Dixie State, 11/27/09
Ast.	2 at Dixie State, 11/27/09
Stl	1, 2x, last vs. Texas Woman's, 11/21/09
Blk	2 vs. Texas Woman's, 11/21/09
Min	27 at Dixie State, 11/27/09
FG	4 at Dixie State, 11/27/09
FGA	5 at Dixie State, 11/27/09
FT	1, 2x, last vs. Missouri Southern, 1/2/10
FTA	2, 2x, last vs. Missouri Southern, 1/2/10

Career

same
8 vs. Washburn, 2/21/09
2 vs. Paul Quinn, 11/15/08
1, 7x last vs. Texas Woman's, 11/21/09
5 vs. Paul Quinn, 11/15/08
same
same
same
2 at Emporia State, 2/18/09
4 at Emporia State, 2/18/09

#50 NICOLE MCCOMBS

2009-10 Season

Pts	26 vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 2/27/10
Rbs	14 vs. Fort Hays State, 1/16/10
Ast.	2, 3x, last vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/6/10
Stl	2, 6x, last vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 2/27/10
Blk	2, 2x, last vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/6/10
Min	33 at Arkansas-Ft. Smith, 12/19/09
FG	7 at Nebraska-Omaha, 1/20/10
FGA	15 vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/6/10
3FGA	0
FT	13 vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/6/10
FTA	16 vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/6/10

Career

29 vs. Central Missouri, 1/31/09
16 at Northwest Missouri, 2/7/09
4 vs. Fort Hays State, 2/26/09
3 vs. Bethany, 1/5/09
2, 4x last vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/6/10
38 vs. Missouri Southern, 2/11/09
10, 2x last vs. Central Missouri, 1/31/09
16 vs. Emporia State, 1/10/09
2 vs. Missouri Southern, 2/11/09
same
17 vs. Emporia State, 1/10/09

Dbl Figure scoring games - 18 in 2009-10 & 43 in PSU career

20-point scoring games - five in 2009-10 & 11 in PSU career

Double Doubles - five in 2009-10 & 12 in PSU career

#11 MAYA ONIKUTE

2009-10 Season & Career

Pts	32 at Fort Hays State, 2/24/10
Rbs	10, 2x, last at Texas Woman's, 11/21/09
Ast.	7 vs. Fort Hays State, 1/16/10
Stl	6 at Texas Woman's, 11/21/09
Blk	1, 5x, last at Washburn, 2/20/10
Min	34 at Fort Hays State, 2/24/10
FG	11 at Fort Hays State, 2/24/10
FGA	22 at Fort Hays State, 2/24/10
3FG	4 vs. Truman, 1/27/10
3FGA	9 at Fort Hays State, 2/24/10
FT	8 vs. Emporia St., 2/17/10
FTA	10 vs. Emporia St., 2/17/10

Dbl Figure scoring games - 13 in 2009-10 & PSU career

20-point scoring games - four in 2009-10 & PSU career

Double Doubles - two in 2009-10 & PSU career

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#21 AMANDA ORLOSKE

2009-10 Season		Career
Pts	16 at Missouri Western, 1/23/10	same
Rbs	3 at Missouri Western, 1/23/10	3, 2x, last at Missouri Western, 1/23/10
Ast.	3 vs. Fort Hays State, 1/16/10	same
Stl	2 vs. Fort Hays State, 1/16/10	same
Blk	1 vs. Central Missouri, 12/28/09	1, 2x last at Truman, 1/28/09
Min	35 at Missouri Western, 1/23/10	same
FG	5 vs. Truman, 1/27/10	same
FGA	10 vs. Truman, 1/27/10	same
3FG	4 vs. Truman, 1/27/10	4, 2x, last vs. Truman, 1/27/10
3FGA	9, 2x, last vs. Truman, 1/27/10	9, 3x, last vs. Truman, 1/27/10
FT	7 at Missouri Western, 1/23/10	same
FTA	8 at Missouri Western, 1/23/10	same

Dbl Figure scoring games - two in 2009-10 & three in PSU career

#32 MARISSA POPPE

2009-10 Season		Career
Pts	7 vs. Fort Hays State, 1/16/10	20 at Northwest Missouri, 1/13/07
Rbs	4, 4x, last at Central Missouri, 1/30/10	12 vs. Truman 3/1/08
Ast.	8 vs. Truman, 1/27/10	same
Stl	1, 5x, last at Central Missouri, 1/30/10	2, 2x last at Ark.-Monticello, 12/1/07
Blk	1 vs. Missouri Southern, 1/2/10	3 vs. Central Missouri, 1/27/07
Min	124 vs. Truman, 1/27/10	42 vs. Fort Hays State, 1/22/07
FG	2 vs. Fort Hays State, 1/16/10	8, 2x last at NW Missouri, 1/13/07
FGA	10 vs. Academy of Art, 11/28/09	17, 2x last vs. Truman, 3/1/08
3FG	1, 4x, last vs. Central Missouri, 12/28/09	3, 4x last vs. Washburn, 1/26/08
3FGA	8 vs. Academy of Art, 11/28/09	same
FT	3 vs. Fort Hays State, 1/16/10	7 vs. Missouri Western, 2/13/08
FTA	4 vs. Washburn, 1/13/10	8 vs. Missouri Western, 2/13/08

Dbl Figure scoring games - none in 2009-10 & 20 in PSU career

Double Doubles - none in 2009-10 & one in PSU career

#40 LARISSA RICHARDS

2009-10 Season		Career
Pts	19 vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/6/10	same
Rbs	11 vs. Emporia State, 2/17/10	same
Ast.	1, 2x, last vs. Truman, 1/27/10	same
Stl	2 at Nebraska-Omaha, 1/20/10	same
Blk	5, 2x, last at Emporia State, 1/9/10	same
Min	27 at Truman, 12/5/09	same
FG	8 vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/6/10	same
FGA	12 vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/6/10	same
FT	4 vs. Missouri Southern, 1/2/10	same
FTA	5 vs. Missouri Western, 12/2/09	same

Dbl Figure scoring games - three in 2009-10 & five in PSU career

Double Doubles - one in 2009-10 & PSU career

#12 DREW ROBERTS

2009-10 Season & Career	
Pts	19 vs. Central Oklahoma, 11/15/09
Rbs	4, 4x, last at Arkansas-Fort Smith, 12/19/09
Ast.	5, 2x, last vs. Missouri Western, 12/2/09
Stl	3, 2x, last at Nebraska-Omaha, 1/20/10
Blk	1, 2x, last vs. Washburn, 2/20/10
Min	39 vs. Central Oklahoma, 11/15/09
FG	6 vs. Central Oklahoma, 11/15/09
FGA	12, 4x, last vs. Central Missouri, 12/28/09
3FG	5 vs. Central Oklahoma, 11/15/09
3FGA	10, 2x, last vs. Missouri Western, 12/2/09
FT	4, 2x, last at Southwest Baptist 12/12/09
FTA	6 vs. Arkansas-Fort Smith, 11/24/09

Dbl Figure scoring games - eight in 2009-10 & PSU career

#4 COURTNEY TATE

2009-10 Season		Career
Pts	8 at Washburn, 2/20/10	10 vs. Evangel, 11/29/08
Rbs	5 vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/6/10	same
Ast.	3, 3x, last vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/6/10	4 vs. Southwestern Oklahoma, 11/22/08
Stl	2, 3x, last at Washburn, 2/20/10	5 vs. Paul Quinn, 11/15/08
Blk	1, 4x, last vs. Emporia St., 2/17/10	1, 5x, last vs. Emporia St., 2/17/10
Min	21 vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/6/10	23 vs. Missouri S&T, 11/28/08
FG	3 vs. Truman, 1/27/10	4 vs. Evangel, 11/29/08
FGA	5 vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/6/10	8 vs. Evangel, 11/29/08
3FGA	2 vs. Missouri Western, 12/2/09	2, 2x, last vs. Missouri Western, 12/2/09
FT	2 at Texas Woman's, 11/21/09	3 vs. Central Oklahoma, 11/21/08
FTA	4 at Texas Woman's, 11/21/09	4 vs. Southwestern Oklahoma, 11/22/08

Dbl Figure scoring games - none in 2009-10 & one in PSU career

#22 DEPRICE TAYLOR

2009-10 Season		Career
Pts	24 vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/6/10	24, 2x, last vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/6/10
Rbs	11 vs. Central Missouri, 12/28/09	11, 3x last vs. Central Missouri, 12/28/09
Ast.	7 at Southwest Baptist, 12/12/09	8, 2x last vs. Washburn, 2/21/09
Stl	5 vs. Truman, 12/5/09	same
Blk	1, 4x, last vs. Fort Hays State, 1/16/10	2 at Washburn, 1/14/09
Min	42 vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/6/10	same
FG	9, 2x, last vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/6/10	10 at Fort Hays State, 1/30/08
FGA	20 vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/6/10	21 vs. Washburn, 2/21/09
3FG	2, 3x, last at Ark.-Fort Smith, 12/19/09	2, 4x last at SBU, 12/12/09
3FGA	5, 2x, last at Ark.-Fort Smith, 12/19/09	6 vs. Paul Quinn, 11/15/08
FT	8, 2x, last at SBU, 12/12/09	same
FTA	14 at Dixie State, 11/27/09	same

Dbl Figure scoring games - 19 in 2009-10 & 41 in PSU career

20-point scoring games - three in 2009-10 & six in PSU career

Double Doubles - three in 2009-10 & PSU career

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#35 CIARRA WASHINGTON

2009-10 Season & Career

Pts	3 vs. Fort Hays State, 1/16/10
Rbs	2 at Missouri Western, 1/23/10
Ast.	1, 2x, last vs, Fort Hays State, 1/16/10
Blk	1 at Texas Woman's, 11/21/09
Min	9 vs. Truman, 1/27/10
FG	1, 3x, last vs. Fort Hays State, 1/16/10
FGA	3 at Emporia State, 1/9/10
3FG	1 vs. Fort Hays State, 1/16/10
3FGA	2, 2x, last at Emporia State, 1/9/10
FT	1 vs. Truman, 1/27/10
FTA	2 vs. Truman, 1/27/10

#14 BAILEY WAUGH

2009-10 Season

Career

Pts	17 at NW Missouri, 12/30/09	26 at Southwest Baptist, 2/3/09
Rbs	8 vs, Nebraska-Omaha, 2/27/10	same
Ast.	3 vs. Washburn, 1/13/10	same
Stl	1, 4x, last at Missouri Western, 1/23/10	5 vs. Missouri S&T, 11/28/08
Blk	0	1, 6x last vs. Emporia State, 2/18/09
Min	31 at Ark.-Fort Smith, 12/19/09	same
FG	6 at NW Missouri, 12/30/09	7 at Southwest Baptist, 2/3/09
FGA	9, 2x, last vs. Washburn, 1/13/10	10, 3x last at Southwest Baptist, 2/3/09
3FG	5 at NW Missouri, 12/30/09	6 at Southwest Baptist, 2/3/09
3FGA	7, 3x, last at Missouri Western, 1/23/10	10 at Missouri Western, 1/23/08
FT	4 at Ark.-Fort Smith, 12/19/09	6 at Southwest Baptist, 2/3/09
FTA	4, 3x, last vs. Southwest Baptist, 2/3/10	8 at Southwest Baptist, 2/3/09

Dbl Figure scoring games - three in 2009-10 & 13 in PSU career

20-point scoring games - none in 2009-10 & one in PSU career

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ADVANCE FOR 1ST ROUND WIN

PITT STATE (15-13*, 12-8)

**AT THE MIAA TOURNAMENT
VS. WASHBURN (24-3*, 17-3)**

OR

SOUTHWEST BAPTIST (11-17*, 8-12)

* - records assume a win to advance to the semifinal round

GAME DAY INFORMATION

What:at MIAA Tournament
..... Semifinals vs. Washburn/Southwest Baptist
When:Saturday, March 6, Noon
Where: Kansas City, Mo. • Municipal Auditorium

HEAD COACHES

Pittsburg State (15-13, 14-6 MIAA):..... Lane Lord (Tabor '93)
Record at PSU/Overall:30-25 (second season)/same
Washburn (24-3, 17-3 MIAA):..... Ron McHenry (Washburn '84)
Record at WU/Overall: 238-48 (ninth season)/same
Southwest Baptist (11-17, 8-12 MIAA):..... Tony Hobson (Hastings '81)
Record at FHSU/Overall: 13-15 (first season)/247-65 (eighth season)

LAST TIME OUT

Pittsburg State: March 4 vs. Northwest Missouri
Washburn: March 4 vs. Southwest Baptist
Southwest Baptist: March 4 vs. Washburn

WHAT'S NEXT?

Pittsburg State: With a win - Sunday, March 7 at MIAA Championship Game • 1 p.m.
..... With a loss - Season over
Washburn: With a win - Sunday, March 7 at MIAA Championship Game • 1 p.m.
..... With a loss - Season over
Southwest Baptist: With a win - Sunday, March 7 at MIAA Championship Game • 1 p.m.
..... With a loss - Season over

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SCOUTING WASHBURN

The Lady Blues are 24-3 on the season and 17-3 in league play. The team opened the season with 13 straight wins before suffering three consecutive losses at the hands of Missouri Southern (70-65), Pitt State (578-57 OT) and Emporia State (54-47). Since that point Washburn has won 10 straight.

Dayna Rodriguez is one of two Lady Blues' players averaging double figures with 15.4 points per game. She is the team's second leading rebounder with 7.2 rebounds per game. Hope Gregory leads the team in rebounding with 7.9 rebounds per game. She is the second leading scorer, with 10.4 points per game. Amanda Fessenden is the team's top three-point shooter, hitting just over two a game. Rose Hammond leads the team in assists (91) and steals (61).

The Lady Blues average 71.1 points and 41.3 rebounds per game. They allow opponents only 54.4 points and 33.0 rebounds a game. They hit .418 from the field as a team, including .351 from three-point range.

SCOUTING SOUTHWEST BAPTIST

Southwest Baptist is 10-17 on the season and 8-12 in MIAA play. The Bearcats ended the regular season with four straight wins and have won seven of their last 10.

The team averages 67.5 points and 30.7 rebounds per game. They are shooting .407 from the floor, including .346 from beyond the arc.

The Bearcats have two players averaging double figures. Rachel Graves leads the team with 13.7 points per game. Courtney Heady scores 11.7 ppg. Graves and Heady are the team's leading three point shooters with 72 a peice. Jasmine Sanford is the team's leading rebounder with 4.9 boards per game. Ashliegh Gallio leads the team in assists with 97.

SBU allows opponents 71.9 points and 36.7 rebounds per game.

PSU VS. WASHBURN

Pitt State broke a 16-game losing streak to the Lady Blues with a 94-87 win on Jan. 21, 2009. The Gorillas added another win earlier this season, giving Pitt State wins in two of the last four.

Prior to last season's win Pitt State had not won a game against Washburn since a 69-57 win on Feb. 10, 2001 in Topeka. The two teams met three times last season. The teams split the regular season series, but the Lady Blues got the best of the Gorillas in the MIAA Tournament.

The Gorillas trail The Lady Blues 25-45 in the all-time series. Washburn leads 20-14 in Pittsburg, 23-11 in Topeka and 2-0 at neutral sites.

The longest streak of wins in the series is Washburn's 16-game streak from Feb. 23, 2002 to Jan. 14, 2009. Pitt State longest win streak was eight games from Jan. 8, 1997 to Jan. 15, 2000.

The biggest margin of victory in the series was 65 points in a Washburn 101-36 win in the very first meeting on Jan. 18, 1975. Pitt State's biggest win was 20 points on Jan. 28, 1978 in a 72-52 victory in Topeka.

For complete series information, see the box on page 12.

PSU VS. SOUTHWEST BAPTIST

Pitt State and SBU have met twice a year since the 1987-88 season. The series is tied at 24-all after the teams split games this season, with each winning on the others' home court. Each team leads in its home arena, the Gorillas lead 15-10 in Pittsburg, while the Bearcats lead 14-9 in Bolivar. The two teams have never met at a neutral site.

Prior to last season SBU had won four straight over the Gorillas, the longest streak of wins by either tem in the series. The series began with each team winning

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PITT STATE VS. WASHBURN

Overall: WU leads 45-25

PSU in Pittsburg: 14-20; in Topeka: 11-23; at neutral sites: 0-2

Year	Site	Date	W/L	Score	Diff.
1974-75	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 18	L	101-36	-65
1974-75	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 15	L	46-41+	-5
1975-76	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 28	L	67-35	-22
1975-76	Topeka, Kan.	Feb. 19	L	71-42	-29
1976-77	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 22	L	76-56	-20
1976-77	Topeka, Kan.	Feb. 4	L	65-61	-4
1977-78	Topeka, Kan.	Jan. 28	W	72-52	+20
1977-78	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 10	L	71-65	-6
1978-79	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 19	W	73-67	+6
1978-79	Topeka, Kan.	Feb. 3	W	54-49	+5
1979-80	Topeka, Kan.	Jan. 12	W	69-59	+10
1979-80	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 25	W	75-73	+2
1980-81	Topeka, Kan.	Jan. 17	L	59-53	-6
1980-81	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 13	W	68-54	+14
1981-82	Topeka, Kan.	Jan. 29	W	54-50	+4
1981-82	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 13	W	62-55	+7
1982-83	Topeka, Kan.	Jan. 15	W	77-65	+12
1982-83	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 11	L	64-62	-2
1983-84	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 28	L	54-52	-2
1983-84	Topeka, Kan.	Feb. 17	L	63-47	-16
1984-85	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 25	L	67-50	-17
1984-85	Topeka, Kan.	Feb. 9	L	79-55	-24
1985-86	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 18	W	62-55	+7
1985-86	Topeka, Kan.	Feb. 14	L	59-53	-6
1986-87	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 31	L	79-67	-13
1986-87	Topeka, Kan.	Feb. 20	L	74-53	-21
1987-88	Topeka, Kan.	Jan. 15	L	74-56	-18
1987-88	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 13	W	69-65	+4
1988-89	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 27	L	85-46	-39
1988-89	Topeka, Kan.	Feb. 11	L	70-43	-27
1988-89	Topeka, Kan.	Feb. 28	L	66-42§	-24
1989-90	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 20	L	80-78	-2
1990-91	Topeka, Kan.	Jan. 19	L	88-66	-22
1991-92	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 18	W	63-60	+3
1991-92	Pittsburg, Kan.	March 7	L	54-56	-8
1992-93	Topeka, Kan.	Jan. 16	L	81-77 (OT)	-4
1993-94	Topeka, Kan.	Jan. 15	L	80-67	-13
1993-94	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 19	W	65-62	+3
1994-95	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 14	W	82-72	+10
1994-95	Topeka, Kan.	Feb. 18	L	77-67	-10
1995-96	Topeka, Kan.	Jan. 27	L	88-83	-5
1996-97	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 8	W	80-69	+11
1996-97	Topeka, Kan.	Feb. 1	W	71-68	+3
1996-97	Topeka, Kan.	Feb. 25	W	79-62#	+17
1997-98	Topeka, Kan.	Jan. 7	W	72-67	+5
1997-98	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 31	W	64-57	+7
1998-99	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 6	W	73-63	+10
1998-99	Topeka, Kan.	Jan. 30	W	65-54	+11
1999-00	Topeka, Kan.	Jan. 15	W	72-67	+5
1999-00	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 12	L	92-68	-24
2000-01	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 13	W	73-54	+9
2000-01	Topeka, Kan.	Feb. 10	W	69-57	+12
2001-02	Topeka, Kan.	Jan. 26	L	64-62	-2
2001-02	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 23	L	70-55	-15
2002-03	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 25	L	75-68	-7
2002-03	Topeka, Kan.	Feb. 22	L	71-58	-13
2003-04	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 28	L	75-66	-9
2003-04	Topeka, Kan.	Feb. 4	L	67-37	-30
2003-04	Kansas City, Mo.	March 4	L	71-58	-13
2004-05	Topeka, Kan.	Jan. 26	L	73-49	-24
2004-05	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 2	L	58-46	-12
2005-06	Topeka, Kan.	Jan. 18	L	74-54	-20
2005-06	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 8	L	95-65	-30
2006-07	Topeka, Kan.	Jan. 20	L	84-55	-29
2006-07	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 3	L	73-56	-17
2007-08	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 26	L	85-61	-24
2007-08	Topeka, Kan.	Feb. 9	L	71-54	-17
2008-09	Topeka, Kan.	Jan. 14	L	74-55	-19
2008-09	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 21	W	94-87 (3 OT)	+7
2008-09	Kansas City, Mo.	March 7	L	64-83	-19
2009-10	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 13	W	58-57 (OT)	+1
2009-10	Topeka, Kan.	Feb. 20	L	80-45	-35

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only on its own court. SBU gave up the first Gorilla victory in Bolivar on Feb. 4, 1992. Pitt State won 10 straight at home before falling, 86-75 on Valentine's Day of 1996.

The largest margin of victory in the series was a 37-point Pitt State win on Jan. 6, 1981, the very first meeting between the two teams. SBU's biggest win was a 82-52 win in Bolivar on Dec. 1, 1987, only the third meeting between the teams. Since then things have been more evenly matched, for the most part. The most points scored in the series was a 101-95 Bearcat win on Jan. 8, 2005 in Bolivar.

Pitt State won the last meeting between the two teams, a 77-68 victory in Bolivar on Dec. 12.

For complete series information, please see the box on page 13.

THIS SEASON VS. WASHBURN IN PITTSBURG

A three-point shot by Pittsburg State senior Maya Onikute with 14 seconds left in overtime proved to be the game winner as the Pittsburg State women's basketball team (8-7, 6-2 MIAA) earned a 58-57 overtime victory over No. 8 Washburn (13-2, 7-2 MIAA) on Wednesday night at John Lance Arena. The win marks the second year in a row the Gorillas have upset a ranked Washburn team in overtime in Pittsburg.

Though Pitt State led most of the second half, and had as much as a nine-point lead with 5:09 remaining in regulation, Washburn closed the gap fast, narrowing the Pitt State lead to 47-45 with 3:47 to go. The Lady Blues played good defense and held the Gorillas to just two free throws in the last three minutes. Pitt State's last made shot from the floor was a made layup by Nicole McCombs with 3:32 remaining. Washburn hit free throws to chip away at the Gorilla lead before a Brette Ulsaker hit a layup to give her team their first lead of the second half with 1:05 to go. Laura Glenn hit two free throws for the Gorillas to give them the lead again with 29 seconds remaining in regulation. Larissa Richards fouled Washburn's leading scorer, Dayna Rodriguez, as she drove the lane for a layup with 16 second. Rodriguez missed the first of two free throws, but hit the second to tie the game at 51-all. DePrice Taylor tried for a last second shot, but had it blocked by Alyssa Mullen to send the game into overtime.

It looked as if neither team would hit a shot from the floor in the overtime period as Washburn built a four-point lead, point-by-point from the free throw line, as Pitt State forwards Richards and McCombs both fouled out of the game. Finally Laura Glenn drove the lane for a layup with 2:48 to go to cut the Lady Blues' lead to 55-53. Glenn's fifth foul sent Hope Gregory to the line. She nailed both charity shots to put her team up by four once again. The team's traded missed layups before Taylor grabbed a defensive rebound and drove the length of the court for a layup, again cutting Washburn's lead to two with only 1:03 to go. After a timeout and another missed Washburn shot, Taylor pulled down another rebound and attempted to again drive the lane. She wasn't open, but kicked the ball out to Onikute who hit the game winning three.

Taylor led the Gorillas as she recorded a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds. She also had four assists and four steals. Laura Glenn also earned a double-double as she led all players on the boards with 14 and added 12 points. Onikute also finished with 12 points, including a 3-for-4 performance from three-point range. Richards blocked four shots for the Gorillas

Rodriguez led all players with 23 points, but she was the only Washburn player to score in double figures on the night. She also pulled down 11 rebounds. Alyssa Mullen also had 11 rebounds for the Lady Blues.

Pitt State shot a slightly better percentage than Washburn hitting 30.8 percent on the night to just 25.4 percent for the Lady Blues. Though Washburn's only points in overtime were from the free throw line, neither team was overly impressive from the charity stripe, as Washburn hit .622 and the Gorillas shot only .440. Washburn also outrebounded Pitt State by four, 55-51.

There were four lead changes and two ties in the first six minutes of the game before Mullen hit a three to give Washburn a lead that they would hold on to for the rest of the half. The Lady Blues built as much as an eightpoint lead, 20-12, with 7:17 to go. Pitt State came within one with just over a minute left, but 5-1 run, capped by a last second three by Stevi Schultz gave Washburn the 30-25 advantage at the half.

Pitt State opened the second half with strong defense, as the Lady Blues hit a scoring slump. Pitt State went on a 12-0 run while Washburn did not score for the first 9:41 of the second half. Pitt State was able to hold on to the lead a little longer until the Washburn comeback began with with 4:52 left in regulation.

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PITT STATE VS. SOUTHWEST BAPTIST

Overall: PSU leads 24-24

PSU in Pittsburg: 15-11; in Bolivar: 9-14; at neutral sites: 0-0

Year	Site	Date	W/L	Score	Diff.
1980-81	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 6	W	81-44	+37
1986-87	Bolivar, Mo.	Nov. 24	L	74-60	-14
1987-88	Bolivar, Mo.	Dec. 1	L	82-52	-30
1987-88	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 6	W	74-67	+7
1988-89	Pittsburg, Kan.	Nov. 30	W	74-55	+19
1989-90	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 17	W	76-72	+4
1989-90	Bolivar, Mo.	Feb. 6	L	72-70+	-2
1990-91	Bolivar, Mo.	Jan. 15	L	70-67	-3
1990-91	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 6	W	68-58	+10
1991-92	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 15	W	65-53	+12
1991-92	Bolivar, Mo.	Feb. 4	W	64-49	+15
1992-93	Bolivar, Mo.	Jan. 12	L	61-59	-2
1992-93	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 3	W	77-61	+16
1993-94	Bolivar, Mo.	Jan. 8	L	68-67	-1
1993-94	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 12	W	84-69	+25
1994-95	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 7	W	90-79	+11
1994-95	Bolivar, Mo.	Feb. 11	L	78-64	-14
1994-95	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 28	W	84-79#	+5
1995-96	Bolivar, Mo.	Jan. 9	W	73-63	+10
1995-96	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 14	L	86-75	-11
1996-97	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 22	W	62-59	+3
1996-97	Bolivar, Mo.	Feb. 18	L	56-55	-1
1997-98	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 21	L	70-58	-12
1997-98	Bolivar, Mo.	Feb. 19	W	90-80	+10
1998-99	Bolivar, Mo.	Jan. 18	L	69-52	-17
1998-99	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 17	W	76-62	+14
1999-00	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 22	L	70-57	-13
1999-00	Bolivar, Mo.	Feb. 19	W	73-69	+4
2000-01	Bolivar, Mo.	Jan. 20	L	81-62	-19
2000-01	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 17	L	78-59	-19
2001-02	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 23	W	58-49	+9
2001-02	Bolivar, Mo.	Feb. 19	W	67-56	+11
2002-03	Bolivar, Mo.	Jan. 21	L	80-69	-11
2002-03	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 18	L	61-52	-9
2003-04	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 10	L	63-59	-4
2003-04	Bolivar, Mo.	Feb. 21	W	68-54	+14
2004-05	Bolivar, Mo.	Jan. 8	L	101-95	-6
2004-05	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 19	L	81-71	-10
2005-06	Bolivar, Mo.	Jan. 3	W	69-63	+6
2005-06	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 22	W	69-68	+1
2006-07	Bolivar, Mo.	Jan. 9	L	72-68	-4
2006-07	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 17	L	83-80+	-3
2007-08	Pittsburg, Kan.	Jan. 16	L	86-80	-6
2007-08	Bolivar, Mo.	Feb. 23	L	76-66	-10
2008-09	Pittsburg, Kan.	Dec. 13	W	74-64	+10
2008-09	Bolivar, Mo.	Feb. 3	W	90-87	+3
2009-10	Bolivar, Mo.	Dec. 12	W	77-68	+9
2009-10	Pittsburg, Kan.	Feb. 3	L	57-76	-19

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Thirteenth-ranked Washburn outscored Pitt State, 13-1, to open the second half, turning a 24-13 half-time edge into a 23-point lead en route to a lopsided 80-45 win over the Gorillas Saturday (Feb. 20) at Lee Arena.

The Gorillas (12-13, 10-8 MIAA) shot just 28.6 percent from the field in the game, making just 18 of 63 attempts.

Hope Gregory led four Washburn players in double figures with 16 points, while Dayna Rodriguez added 15 points. Cassie Lombardino and Laura Kinderknecht added 10 apiece.

Nicole McCombs paced Pitt State with 14 points, while Maya Onikute added 11 and Courtney Tate came off the bench to chip in with eight.

THIS SEASON VS. SW BAPTIST IN BOLIVAR

Sharp shooting in the first half and smart defense in the second half gave the Pitt State women's basketball team (4-5, 2-1 MIAA) a 77-68 win over Southwest Baptist (1-7, 0-2 MIAA) on Saturday (Dec. 12) evening in Bolivar, Mo.

Pitt State shot over 50 percent in the first half, including 53 percent from three-point range. The team committed only six fouls in the second half, only allowing the Bearcats to shoot only two free throws. The Gorillas also rebounded well, out-rebounding the home team by 21, 44-23.

Senior DePrice Taylor led three players in double figures for the Gorillas with 18. Maya Onikute added 13, while Bailey Waugh had 12. Taylor was sharp on all fronts for the Gorillas as she was also the leading rebounder with nine and dished out seven assists on the night.

SBU's Rachel Graves led all players with 21 points. Courtney Heady added 12.

Pitt State found its stroke in the first half as they shot .552 from the floor, including .533 from three points range. Five different players contributed to the Gorillas eight threes in the half, including two a piece from Taylor, Waugh and Amanda Orloske. The Gorilla defense didn't allow the Bearcats to hit a shot from the field in the last 8:24 of the first half, though eight PSU fouls during that time frame did contribute to 10 points from the charity stripe. Pitt State took a 45-37 lead at the half.

The Bearcats bounced back in the early part of the second half, tying the game at 52-52 with 10:12 to go. Pitt State gained a two-point advantage on a Nicole McCombs shot in the paint, but a three-point shot by SBU's Chasity Prince gave the Bearcats the lead wit 7:52 to go. SBU added two more to take a 57-54 lead. From there, the Gorillas went on a 13-0 run to take a 10-point lead. Pitt State held the lead from then on, though the Bearcats were able to cut it to as little as seven. Taylor made six free throws in the last minute of the game to help contribute to the 77-68 win.

THIS SEASON VS. SW BAPTIST IN PITTSBURG

The Southwest Baptist women's basketball team (5-15, 3-10 MIAA) shot a blistering 58 percent (15-of-26) from three-point range to earn a 76-57 win over Pittsburg State (10-11, 8-6 MIAA) on Wednesday (Feb 3) evening at John Lance Arena. The loss was the first home loss for the Gorillas in the 2009-10 season.

The Bearcats hit .481 from the floor overall and were also 9-for-12 from the free throw line. Pitt State shot 32 percent overall and was only 6-of-20 from three-point range.

Courtney Heady and Rachel Graves each hit six threes for SBU. Graves led all players with 24 points, while Heady finished with 20. Kourtnei Williams and Freddie Sims also finished in double figures with 11 and 10, respectively. Whitney Malone lead all players with 10 rebounds.

DePrice Taylor was the leading scorer for Pitt State with 15 points. Bailey Waugh also finished in double figures with 12. Maya Onikute was the team's leading rebounder with 8 and dished out a team-high four assists.

SBU lead the entire game, as they held Pitt State to only four points in the first 9:17. The Bearcats stretched their lead to as many as 17 with seven and a half minutes remaining in the first half before the Gorillas began to battle back. Pitt State was able to hold SBU to only three points in the last seven minutes to go into the lockerrom down by nine, 31-22.

Pitt State scored the first points of the second half and was able to keep the game fairly close until a seven-point run gave the Bearcats a 15-point lead with 1 2:33 remaining. The Gorillas were never able to cu the SBU lead to under double digits from that point on. The Bearcats gained their largest lead, 75-54 on a Freddie Sims three with 2:16 remaining.