



Women's Basketball

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2008, 2009 Sweet 16 Appearances

No. 4 Seed Pitt Panthers • (25-7, 12-4 Big East) • Rankings: (#15/#16)

No. 1 Seed Oklahoma Sooners • (30-4, 15-1 Big 12) • Rankings: (#4/#4)

2008-09 Schedule

NOVEMBER

5	OHIO LEGENDS (EXHIB.)	PITTSBURGH	W, 73-58
11	PREMIER PLAYERS (EXHIB.)	PITTSBURGH	W, 76-65
16	vs. #10 Texas A&M (ESPN2)	Baton Rouge, La.	L, 50-56 (State Farm Tip-Off Classic)
20	at Western Michigan	Kalamazoo, Mich.	W, 88-60
24	PENN STATE	PITTSBURGH	W, 80-59
28	ELON	PITTSBURGH	W, 84-49
29	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	PITTSBURGH	W, 99-42

DECEMBER

3	at Duquesne	Palumbo Center	W, 66-47
7	#8 MARYLAND	PITTSBURGH	W, 86-57
13	WEST VIRGINIA STATE	PITTSBURGH	W, 85-37
16	WAGNER	PITTSBURGH	W, 98-41
19	at Florida A&M	Tallahassee, Fla.	W, 89-59
21	at #20 Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	L, 83-90
30	WESTERN KENTUCKY	PITTSBURGH	W, 93-50

JANUARY

4	WEST VIRGINIA^ (ESPN2)	PITTSBURGH	W, 72-63
7	at Providence^	Providence, R.I.	L, 69-77
10	DEPAUL^ (BETV)	PITTSBURGH	L, 62-69
17	USF^	PITTSBURGH	W, 79-47
20	at Seton Hall^	South Orange, N.J.	W, 76-40
24	at Syracuse^	Syracuse, N.Y.	W, 77-75
27	at Georgetown^	Washington, D.C.	W, 50-39
30	MARQUETTE^	PITTSBURGH	W, 86-54

FEBRUARY

3	#19 NOTRE DAME^	PITTSBURGH	W, 82-70
10	at Rutgers^ (CBS CSN)	Piscataway, N.J.	W, 61-53 (OT)
15	at #1 UConn^ (ESPN2)	Storrs, Conn.	L, 42-95
18	VILLANOVA^	PITTSBURGH	W, 70-54
21	CINCINNATI^	PITTSBURGH	W, 68-53
24	at West Virginia^ (CBS CSN)	Morgantown, W.Va.	W, 72-60
28	at #8 Louisville^ (BETV)	Louisville, Ky.	L, 51-75

MARCH

2	ST. JOHN'S^	PITTSBURGH	W, 79-60
8	DePaul*	Hartford, Conn.	W, 62-59
9	#5 Louisville*	Hartford, Conn.	L, 63-69
21	Montana#	Seattle, Wash.	W, 64-35
23	Gonzaga#	Seattle, Wash.	W, 65-60
29	#4 Oklahoma#	Oklahoma City, Okla.	9 p.m. CT
31	Purdue/Rutgers#	Oklahoma City, Okla.	

APRIL

5-7	NCAA Final Four#	St. Louis, Mo.	
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^ Big East contest
 * Big East Championship
 # NCAA Tournament
 All times are EST

Scouting Pitt...

Pitt's No. 4 seed in the Oklahoma City Regional is the highest seeding for Pitt in school history. Its only other appearances were as a No. 6 seed in 2008 and as a No. 8 seed in 2007 at the Petersen Events Center.

The Panthers have now advanced to the Sweet 16 in the last two years. In just three NCAA appearances in the school's history, Pitt has recorded a 5-2 record (2007, 2008 and 2009).

Senior guard Shavonte Zellous has been outstanding in the tournament to date. She has averaged 27.5 points per game through the first and second rounds, in addition to 8.0 rebounds. Against Montana, she contributed 31 points, and in the win over Gonzaga, she scored 22 second half points for 24 total. Zellous has now recorded 21 20-point games this season and five 30-point games.

With her 31 points against Montana and 24 against Gonzaga, Zellous has now scored 729 points to date this season, which makes her the all-time Pitt leader in single-season scoring -- men or women. The 24-year-old record, which was held by the mother of current Pitt sophomore Shayla Scott -- Jennifer Bruce Scott, stood at 681 points until March 21. In that game, Zellous also became the first Pitt player in history (men or women) to score 700 points in a single season.

Pitt's win over Gonzaga gave the Panthers their 25th win of the season, which is the most wins in school history. Pitt finished with 24 wins in both 2007 and in 2008. Not only are the Panthers guaranteed the most wins in school history, but the best winning percentage as well.

In Pitt's win over Montana, the Panthers held the Grizzlies to just 10 points in the second half, which ties the NCAA Tournament record for fewest points allowed in a half. Connecticut held Long Island University to just 10 points in the 2001 tourney. Also, Pitt held Montana to just 35 total points which tied for the ninth fewest points allowed in the tournament.

Pitt's senior class of Shavonte Zellous and Xenia Stewart has totaled an impressive 3,553 points to date in their four-year careers. Throughout their four seasons, they have scored an astounding 38.4 percent of Pitt's points (9,243 total Pitt points during that time).

Without a doubt, Stewart and Zellous combine as the most successful senior class in school history with a 95-38 record -- a 71.4 winning percentage. The second most successful class was the 2008 class, which finished its career 83-46 (64.3 win percentage).

Pitt Off The Bench

G	10	Taneisha Harrison	6-0	So.	8.6 ppg	3.2 rpg
F	22	Chelsea Cole	6-3	So.	3.6 ppg	5.4 rpg
G	24	Sarah Ogoke	5-8	Fr.	1.3 ppg	0.5 rpg
F	32	Selena Nwude	6-5	So.	1.5 ppg	1.3 rpg
C	50	Kate Popovec	6-3	Fr.	4.5 ppg	4.9 rpg



Pitt Probable Starters

F	2	Sophonria Sallard	5-10	Jr.	6.7 ppg	3.0 rpg
F	25	Shayla Scott	6-1	So.	8.8 ppg	6.8 rpg
C	40	Pepper Wilson	6-6	Fr.	6.8 ppg	6.3 rpg
G	1	Shavonte Zellous	5-11	Sr.	22.8 ppg	5.6 rpg
G	33	Xenia Stewart	6-0	Sr.	10.9 ppg	4.0 rpg

Oklahoma Probable Starters

F	1	Nyeshia Stevenson	5-9	Jr.	9.3 ppg	1.7 rpg
F	5	Ashley Paris	6-3	Sr.	12.6 ppg	9.6 rpg
C	3	Courtney Paris	6-4	Sr.	16.0 ppg	13.7 rpg
G	13	Danielle Robinson	5-9	So.	12.9 ppg	2.7 rpg
G	25	Whitney Hand	6-1	Fr.	8.7 ppg	2.6 rpg

Pitt Head Coach:

Agnus Berenato (6th season)
 Record at Pitt: 114-73
 Overall: 397-337 (25th season)

Oklahoma Head Coach:

Sherri Coale (13th season)
 Record at Oklahoma: 284-131
 Overall: Same

Radio Information:

FOX Sports Radio 970 (Live)
 Play-by-Play: Greg Linnelli
 Analysis: Jen Tuscano

TV Info: ESPN2/ESPN360

Play-by-Play: Dave O'Brien
 Analysis: Nancy Lieberman
 Reporter: Beth Mowins



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Pitt in the NCAA Tournament...

- Pitt's No. 4 seed is the highest for the Panthers in school history. In 2007 they were a No. 8 seed and in 2008 they earned a No. 6 seed.
- Pitt has a short, but successful history in the NCAA Tournament and is now 5-2 record in three appearances.
- The Panthers' first-ever appearance was in 2007 and the team has made the tournament field in each of the two years since then.
- Last season, Pitt advanced to the Sweet 16 with wins over Wyoming and No. 3 seed Baylor.
- Pitt's three destinations for the opening rounds have been at home for the 2007 tournament, at Albuquerque, N.M., in 2008 and in Seattle, Wash., this season. The Panthers advanced to the Spokane Region for the 2008 Sweet 16 and now to the Oklahoma City Region in 2009.
- The Panthers have won a game in all three appearances in the NCAA Tournament.

Agnus Berenato in the NCAA Tournament...

- Berenato has given Pitt its only three appearances in the NCAA Tournament, which have come in each of the last three seasons (2007, 2008 and 2009).
- At Pitt, she holds a 5-2 record at the helm of the Panthers.
- In 2007, she led the Panthers to a first round win over James Madison, before falling to No. 1 seed Tennessee.
- In 2008, she took the team one step further as Pitt won the first round over Wyoming, the second round over No. 3 seed Baylor, and fell in the Sweet 16 to No. 2 seed Stanford.
- This season, she is hoping to take the team one step further again as Pitt has advanced to the Sweet 16 for the second consecutive season.

- She holds a 5-4 record all-time in five NCAA Tournament appearances, including an 0-2 record while the head coach at Georgia Tech.

Pitt Players in the NCAA Tournament...

- Six of Pitt's players have NCAA Tournament experience entering this season, including seniors Shavonte Zellous, Xenia Stewart, junior Sophronia Sallard and sophomores Chelsea Cole, Taneisha Harrison and Shayla Scott.

All-Time Pitt NCAA Results:

Date	Seed	Opponent	Result
3-23-09	#4	#12 Xavier	W, 65-60
3-21-09	#4	#13 Montana	W, 64-35
3-29-08	#6	#2 Stanford	L, 53-72
3-24-08	#6	#3 Baylor	W, 67-59
3-22-08	#6	#11 Wyoming	W, 63-58
3-20-07	#8	#1 Tennessee	L, 68-54
3-18-07	#8	#9 James Madison	W, 71-61

Oklahoma Sooners 30-4 overall, 15-1 Big 12

Scouting No. 1 Seed Oklahoma...

- Oklahoma earned a No. 1 seed in the tournament after a 15-1 record in Big 12 action. The Sooners enter the weekend with a 30-4 overall record.
- In the first two rounds of the tournament, Oklahoma defeated Prairie View 76-47, and Georgia Tech 69-50 to advance to the Sweet 16.
- The Sooners are led by senior center Courtney Paris, who leads the team with 16.4 points and 13.7 rebounds per game. She is followed offensively by Danielle Robinson (12.8 ppg) and Ashley Paris (12.7 ppg).

Series History:

- Oklahoma leads: 1-0
- At Pittsburgh: n/a
- At Norman: n/a
- At Neutral Sites: OU leads 1-0
- Current Streak: Oklahoma – 1
- Most Pitt Points: 77 (86-77) in 1993-94
- Most Oklahoma Points: 86 (86-77) in 1993-94
- Biggest Pitt Win: n/a
- Biggest OU Win: 9 (86-77) in 1993-94

Oklahoma NCAA History...

- Oklahoma has been a No. 1 seed one other time. In 2002, they finished as the NCAA Tournament runner up.
- The Sooners are 18-11 all-time in NCAA history.
- In 2007 and 2008 Oklahoma advanced to the second round before bowing out.

Common Opponents...

- Pitt and Oklahoma have each suffered losses to Texas A&M and Connecticut this season.

Twice as Sweet...

- The Pitt women's and men's teams are both making appearances in the Sweet 16 this season, making Pitt one of six schools with both programs represented in the tournament.
- Other schools include: Oklahoma, Louisville, Connecticut, Michigan State and Purdue.

Select Company...

- Senior guard **Shavonte Zellous**, who now has 2,233 points in her career and 729 this season, recently became the only player in Pitt history (men's or women's) to score 600-plus points in three separate seasons. She is also just the fourth player in Big East history to reach the astounding feat. The only other players in Big East history to reach 600 points in three separate seasons are Kerry Bascom of Connecticut (1989-91), Sarah Behn of Boston College (1991-93) and Angel McCoughtry of Louisville (2007-09). On the men's side, just five players have achieved that feat (Troy Bell -- Boston College, Terry Dehere -- Seton Hall, Chris Mullin -- St. John's, Malik Sealy -- St. John's and Kerry Kittles -- Villanova).

Senior Sensations...

- Pitt seniors **Xenia Stewart** and **Shavonte Zellous** have helped put Pitt on the map and have led the program to four consecutive 20-win seasons and four postseason appearances -- something that has never happened in school history.
- During their four seasons, Stewart and Zellous will have led the Panthers to three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, two Sweet 16s, four 20-win seasons, and 95 wins to date (95-38 for a .714 win percentage).
- Zellous will play in her 133rd career game at Pitt in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament, which is a school record for games played (previously 126). She has started in

2008-09 Team Stats

Oklahoma	Pitt
30-4	25-7
15-1	12-4
76.5	73.5
1016-2124	860-2038
.478	.422
161-482	159-443
.334	.359
407-607	472-640
.671	.738
43.3	43.5
32.3	35.0
16.1	14.7
16.8	14.6
1.0	1.0
8.6	6.7
5.7	5.7



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Weekly Schedule

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Practice 1:30 p.m.	Practice 1:30 p.m. Travel to Oklahoma City	Practice TBA	Press Conference 1:15 p.m. CT Practice 2:10 p.m. CT	Shoot around 12:20 p.m. CT vs. Oklahoma 9 p.m. CT	Press Conference 1:45 p.m. CT* Practice 2:35 p.m.*	Shoot around 3 p.m. CT* vs. Rutgers/Purdue 8 p.m. CT*

118 of those games.

- Stewart will play in her 131st career game in the tournament, which is second behind Zellous for career games played. She is also starting her 128th career game, which is a school record according to available records.

Clawing Back...

- Pitt overcame a 12-point deficit in the first half at West Virginia on Feb. 24, to earn a 12-point victory. The deficit is the largest of the season for the Panthers to overcome in a win.
- The comeback is remarkable in that Pitt has been down more than 12 points only four times in its seven losses this season.

Big East Best...

- Pitt has attained its best-ever finish in Big East history, finishing with a 12-4 record on the year. The Panthers' .750 winning percentage is the highest in school history and the 12 wins ties the 1993-94 season (12-6), but is a higher win percentage due to the 18-game schedule in 1993-94. The previous best for the Panthers was .667 with the

12-6 record in 1993-94.

Bye Bye...

- With Pitt's 72-60 win over West Virginia on Feb. 24, the Panthers locked up a first and second round bye in the Big East Tournament.

Tying History...

- Pitt tied its regular-season record of 22 wins on March 2 against St. John's. The Panthers ended the regular season at 22-6 overall. The win tied the school-record of 22, set in 2006-07.
- With one less game played in the regular season from 2006-07, Pitt reached its highest win percentage in the regular season in school history -- a 22-6 record and a .786 win percentage.

Totaling 20...

- Pitt has reached 20 wins for the fourth consecutive season with its Feb. 21 win over Cincinnati. The Panthers have also now reached a 20-win season seven times in the school's history.

Offensive Threat...

- Senior guard **Shavonte Zellous** currently holds an astounding stat in which 38.6 percent of Pitt's field goals go through her hands as she is first on the team in field goals with 238 and is second in assists with 94.
- Seniors Zellous and **Xenia Stewart** have scored 45.9 percent of Pitt's points this season and are second and first respectively in assists (Zellous with 94 and Stewart with 97).

Dapper Shavonte...

- **Shavonte Zellous** was recently named the Dapper Dan Sportswoman of the Year by the Dapper Dan Charities and the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. The award is the most prestigious sports honor in Western Pennsylvania and Zellous will have her name forever linked to many greats in the history of Pittsburgh sports.
- Head coach **Agnus Berenato** is a two-time winner of the award, making her and Swin Cash the only two-time winners of the award.

2008-09 Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School/Last School
1	Shavonte Zellous	SR*	G	5-11	Orlando, Fla./Jones
2	Sophonria Sallard	JR*	G/F	5-10	Syracuse, N.Y./Nottingham/Kansas
10	Taneisha Harrison	SO	G	6-0	Bowie, Md./St. John's College High
12	Brittaney Thomas	JR*	G	5-8	Montgomery, Ala./Jefferson Davis/Florida
14	Jania Sims	JR	G	5-7	Newark, N.J./Shabazz
22	Chelsea Cole	SO	F	6-3	Lumberton, N.J./Rancocas Valley
24	Sarah Ogoke	FR	G	5-8	Sugar Land, Texas/Dulles
25	Shayla Scott	SO	G	6-1	Monroeville, Pa./Gateway
32	Selena Nwude	SO*	C	6-5	Riverdale, Md./Eleanor Roosevelt
33	Xenia Stewart	SR	G	6-0	Bowie, Md./Riverdale Baptist
40	Pepper Wilson	FR	C	6-6	Pittsburgh, Pa./Westinghouse
50	Kate Popovec	FR	C	6-3	Canfield, Ohio/Canfield

Under 40 and Fabulous...

- The awards continue to pile up for senior guard **Shavonte Zellous**. Recently, Zellous was awarded the *New Pittsburgh Courier's* 2009 Fab 40 Award.
- The award honors "Pittsburgh's young African-Americans under the age of 40 who have opted to be part of the solution instead part of the problem."

Celebrity Encounter...

- Little did the Pitt women's team realize when they stumbled upon a piano player in the lobby of their hotel in Kalamazoo, Mich., earlier this year, that they were singing along with a potential American Idol.
- 2009 American Idol Top 10 finalist and judge favorite Matt Giraud spent time singing for (and along with) the Panthers and ended up bringing them luck against West-

Coaching Staff

Head Coach..... Agnus Berenato (Mount St. Mary's, 1980)
 Assoc. Head Coach..... Jeff Williams (Howard, 1987)
 Assistant Coach..... Caroline McCombs (YSU, 1998)
 Assistant Coach..... Yolett McPhee-McCuin (Rhode Island, 2004)
 Dir. of Operations..... Mark Rhodehamel
 Video Coordinator..... Meghan Bielich

Pronunciation Guide

Agnus Berenato..... bare-ah-NOT-oh
 TANEISHA Harrison Tah-KNEE-sha
 Selena Nwude WOO-day
 Sarah Ogoke ah-GO-kay
 Sophronia Sallard..... sa-FRON-ee-ah
 Jania Sims jah-knee-ah
 Xenia Stewart ZEE-knee-ah

To be continued...



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ern Michigan the following day with an 88-60 victory.

Leaps and Bounds...

- Sophomore forward **Shayla Scott** has seen great improvement in her game from last season -- especially in Big East play.
- Scott went from 3.1 points and 3.1 rebounds in Big East play last season, to 8.8 points and 6.8 rebounds per game this season.

Buckets From The Bench...

- Sophomore guard **Taneisha Harrison** has made an argument as the best player off the bench in the Big East. Harrison is fourth on the team in scoring at 8.6 points per game, and is fourth on the team in Big East scoring at 7.7 ppg.

Changing Tide...

- The drastic change in the Pitt program continues to be evident and no other series history reflects that like Pitt vs. Notre Dame. The Panthers lost their first 16 meetings with the Fighting Irish, but have now won three of the last four.

Changing Tide, Part 2...

- In addition to Pitt's recent success over Notre Dame, the Panthers earned their first-ever win over Rutgers in Piscataway on Feb. 10 (61-53 in overtime). The win is

Dramatic Improvements

- Head coach **Agnus Berenato** has dramatically improved the Pitt women's program in just six seasons. The sixth-year coach has led the team to steady improvements each season:

Season	Record	Win %
2003-04	6-20	(.231)
2004-05	13-15	(.464)
2005-06	22-11	(.667)
2006-07	24-9	(.727)
2007-08	24-11	(.686)
2008-09	25-7	(.781)

also just the third over Rutgers in Pitt history (a 22-3 Rutgers series lead).

Best Ever?...

- Senior **Shavonte Zellous** has already given Pitt fans reason to ask if she is the best in school history, but her numbers by the end of the season may prove it.
- Zellous recently became the single-season points record holder -- men or women (681 by Jennifer Bruce in 1984-85), a record which has stood 24 years. Zellous currently has 729 points, which makes her the first Pitt player to score 700 in a season.

Exclusive Company...

- Senior guard **Shavonte Zellous** became just the third player in Pitt women's basketball history to hit the 2,000-point milestone and the fifth overall in Pitt history (men's and women's). She is also just the 13th in Big East history.
- Currently, there are only eight other active women's basketball players in the country that have that distinct honor (Courtney Paris, Angel McCoughtry, Traci Edwards, Marissa Coleman, DeWanna Bonner, Kristi Cirone, Ashley Walker and Kelsey Kahle).
- She is now third in Pitt all-time scoring (with 2,233 points). Second place is Jennifer Bruce (2,295 points) and first is Lorri Johnson (2,312 points).
- Zellous recently passed Pitt legend Debbie Lewis for third place with 19 points scored against Georgetown. Lewis scored 1,941 from 1978-82.

Coaching Milestone...

- Head coach **Agnus Berenato** reached her 100th victory at Pitt on Jan. 4, 2009 against West Virginia.
- She is currently 114-73 at Pitt and is nearing another milestone as she is 397-337 in her 25th season overall as a head coach.

Big Numbers...

- Pitt has now scored 80 or more points in

Associated Press

(Week 18)

1. Connecticut.....	33-0	1125
2. Stanford.....	26-4	1043
3. Maryland.....	28-4	1039
4. Oklahoma.....	27-3	934
5. Baylor.....	24-5	928
6. Duke.....	26-5	891
7. Louisville.....	28-3	846
8. Auburn.....	29-3	827
9. Texas A&M.....	23-6	766
10. Ohio State.....	27-5	739
11. North Carolina.....	26-6	698
12. Florida State.....	25-7	592
13. California.....	24-5	541
14. Vanderbilt.....	24-8	522
15. PITT.....	23-6	492
16. South Dakota St.....	29-2	386
17. Iowa State.....	23-7	370
18. Tennessee.....	22-10	322
19. Arizona State.....	23-7	275
20. Xavier.....	25-6	243
21. Kansas State.....	23-6	227
22. Florida.....	23-7	191
23. Notre Dame.....	22-8	170
24. Virginia.....	23-9	163
25. Texas.....	20-10	113

Receiving Votes: Middle Tennessee State, Wisconsin-Green Bay, Marist, Purdue, LSU, DePaul, USC, Utah, Gonzaga, Montana, Ball State, Florida Gulf Coast, Villanova, Bowling Green.

ESPN/USA Today

Coaches Poll

(Week 18)

1. Connecticut.....	33-0	775
2. Stanford.....	29-4	735
3. Maryland.....	28-4	713
4. Oklahoma.....	28-4	644
5. Baylor.....	27-5	639
6. Auburn.....	29-3	587
7. Louisville.....	29-4	584
8. Duke.....	26-5	569
9. Texas A&M.....	25-7	554
10. Ohio State.....	27-5	496
11. North Carolina.....	27-6	450
12. Florida State.....	25-7	399
13. Vanderbilt.....	24-8	374
14. California.....	25-6	265
15. South Dakota St.....	31-2	343
16. PITT.....	23-7	276
17. Kansas State.....	24-7	268
18. Xavier.....	25-6	240
19. Iowa State.....	24-8	234
20. Notre Dame.....	22-8	180
21. Florida.....	23-7	146
22. Virginia.....	23-9	121
23. Tennessee.....	22-10	102
24. Texas.....	21-11	98
25. Middle Tennessee.....	28-5	66

Receiving Votes: Marist, Arizona State, Wisconsin-Green Bay, DePaul, Villanova, Bowling Green, Gonzaga, Liberty, Boston College, North Carolina A&T, Mississippi State.

Weekly Rankings

Week	AP	Coaches Poll
Preseason.....	RV (#26)	RV (#28)
Week 1.....	RV (#28)	RV (#32)
Week 2.....	RV (#27)	RV (#29)
Week 3.....	#24	RV (#29)
Week 4.....	#16	#20
Week 5.....	#16	#19
Week 6.....	#19	#23
Week 7.....	#19	#22
Week 8.....	#19	#20
Week 9.....	RV (#26)	RV (#28)
Week 10.....	#25	RV (#28)
Week 11.....	#21	#24
Week 12.....	#22	#24
Week 13.....	#19	#23
Week 14.....	#19	#22
Week 15.....	#15	#20
Week 16.....	#14*	#19
Week 17.....	#14*	#17
Week 18.....	#15	#16

*Ties school record for highest-ever ranking

To be continued...

Career Double-Doubles

Player	2008-09	Career
Xenia Stewart	0	2
Shavonte Zellous	2	4
Selena Nwude	0	1
Chelsea Cole	0	1
Shayla Scott	5	6
Kate Popovec	2	2
Pepper Wilson	3	3

Career Double Digit Scoring

Player	2008-09	Career
Shavonte Zellous	32	103
Xenia Stewart	18	67
Jania Sims	0	12
Taneisha Harrison	14	20
Chelsea Cole	1	4
Shayla Scott	16	18
Sophronia Sallard	8	9
Selena Nwude	0	2
Pepper Wilson	9	9
Kate Popovec	5	5

Career Double Digit Rebounds

Player	2008-09	Career
Chelsea Cole	3	6
Shavonte Zellous	2	5
Xenia Stewart	0	2
Jania Sims	0	2
Sophronia Sallard	0	2
Shayla Scott	6	7
Selena Nwude	0	1
Kate Popovec	3	3
Pepper Wilson	7	7

Career 20-Point Games

Player	2008-09	Career
Shavonte Zellous	21	53
Xenia Stewart	1	7
Taneisha Harrison	0	1
Sophronia Sallard	1	1

Career 30-Point Games

Player	2008-09	Career
Shavonte Zellous	5	9

Career 40-Point Games

Player	2008-09	Career
Shavonte Zellous	1	1

12 of their 32 games this season and are averaging 73.5 points per game. Defensively, the team has been dominant as well, holding opponents to just 57.9 points per game and 35.7 percent from the field.

Convincing Wins...

- In Pitt's 24 wins this season, the Panthers have had no problem handling its opponents as they are winning games by an average of 25.1 points.
- Pitt has now had nine 30-point victories this season (35, 57, 48, 57, 30, 43, 32, 36 and 32), which triples all of last year's total of three.
- Pitt has had just four single-digit wins this season.

1,000-Point Club...

- In Pitt's win over Penn State, Nov. 24, senior guard **Xenia Stewart** became Pitt's 16th member of the 1,000-point club with 17 points on the night.
- She is one of four Pitt players to reach the milestone in the past two seasons (Marcedes Walker, Mallorie Winn and Shavonte Zellous).
- Currently with 1,320 points, she has moved into 10th in all-time scoring at Pitt. She needs 25 points to take over ninth.

Shavonte's Buckets...

- **Shavonte Zellous** is one of the top returning scorers in the country. Listed at No. 6 in **career scoring** heading into the season, Zellous is currently in fourth. All 10 players listed are seniors this year. Below is the complete top 10 listing prior to the NCAA Tournament.

1. Courtney Paris	Oklahoma	2,666
2. Angel McCoughtry	Louisville	2,655
3. Traci Edwards	Milwaukee	2,340
4. SHAVONTE ZELLOUS	PITTSBURGH	2,178
5. Marissa Coleman	Maryland	2,118
6. DeWanna Bonner	Auburn	2,119
7. Kristi Cirone	Illinois St.	2,060
8. Ashley Walker	California	2,068
9. Kelsey Kahle	Portland St.	2,011
10. Krystal Ellis	Marquette	1,929

POW Record...

- **Shavonte Zellous** was named the Big East Player of the Week on Dec. 8, Dec. 22 and Jan. 26, which gave her the fifth, sixth and seventh such honors of her career.
- The seven honors breaks Jennifer Bruce's Pitt record of five earned from 1983-85.

Rewriting History

The last two seasons, Pitt has recorded numerous "firsts" for the program. Below is a list of program "firsts" under head coach Agnus Berenato in the 2007 and 2008 seasons:

2007-08 Season

- First trip to the Sweet 16
- A school record four wins over ranked teams in a season
- Highest ranking in school history -- No. 14 in AP and No. 15 in Coaches
- The Panthers defeated then, the highest ranked team of the Agnus Berenato era with a 97-68 win at No. 15 DePaul on Jan. 6. They followed that up with wins over No. 13 West Virginia and No. 9 Notre Dame for a school record.
- Pitt was on national or regional television 18 times during the regular season in 2007-08
- Pitt's first-ever win over Louisville
- Pitt had their first-ever locally-broadcast game on Jan. 19 against Providence. The game was on Pittsburgh's Comcast channel 188
- Pitt and Penn State marked the first ever women's basketball TV broadcast on the Big Ten Network.
- Pitt was ranked in the top 25 preseason polls for the first time (both AP and USA Today/ESPN Coaches Polls)
- Pitt was on ESPN2 for the first time in the regular season at Notre Dame (2-10-08)

2006-07 Season

- First appearance in the NCAA Tournament
- Highest final RPI ranking (20)
- First win in the NCAA Tournament (71-61 vs. James Madison, 3-18-07)
- First ranking in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll
- First time to 22 wins in the regular season (at Georgetown on 2-26-07)
- First time to 24 wins in a season (vs. James Madison in the NCAA Tournament 3-18-07)
- Shavonte Zellous was named the Big East Most Improved Player – a first for Pitt
- Marcedes Walker was named Pitt's first WBCA District I All-America in 16 years
- Pitt started out the season 12-0, the best start in school history
- The Panthers hosted their first-ever NCAA Tournament March 18 and 20 at the Petersen Events Center
- First win over a ranked team in the Agnus Berenato era (a 91-87 OT win over No. 16 Marquette 1-9-07)
- First ever win over Notre Dame (71-62 on 1-31-07)



Cover Girl...

- **Shavonte Zellous**, along with Pitt men's player DeJuan Blair, graced one of the regional covers of the Sports Illustrated College Basketball Preview.

- The cover is one of just six in the country,

which included Arizona State, Connecticut, North Carolina, Notre Dame, Oklahoma and Pitt. Three of the six schools represented were from the powerful Big East conference.

Over Zellous...

- Senior guard **Shavonte Zellous** is second in the Big East in scoring with 22.8 points per game.

- Zellous is also currently seventh in the nation in points per game this season.

No Time Like the Present...

- Senior **Shavonte Zellous** is one of just three players in Pitt history to score 600 points in a season (Lorri Johnson and Jennifer Bruce).

- Against Louisville, she reached 600 points in her senior season, which makes her the only player in Pitt history (men's or women's) to reach the number three times.

- Zellous currently has 2,233 points in her career and 729 points this season.

Fabulous Freshmen...

- Pitt freshmen **Kate Popovec** and **Pepper Wilson** have been immediate contributors to the program. Wilson has started all 32 games and Popovec led the team in rebounding off the bench prior to her ankle injury.

Offensive Front...

- It is strange to say that a 70-point output was an outstanding offensive performance for the Panthers, who have averaged nearly 80 points per game all season, but Pitt's 70-54 win over Villanova was just that. The 70 points is the most given up by the Wildcats all season, who allowed just 51.8 points per game entering the contest.

Fantastic Five...

- In Pitt's five game stretch from Dec. 21 - Jan. 10, **Shavonte Zellous** had an incredible run. She averaged 29.4 points per game and scored 45.6 percent of Pitt's points during that stretch.

- Over those five games, she scored 147 points, had 22 rebounds and 20 assists, while holding an assists/turnover ratio of 1.5.

Career Day...

- Senior guard **Shavonte Zellous** had a dominating performance in Pitt's tough loss at No. 20 Florida on Dec. 21. Zellous scored 42 points on the day, shooting 13-of-24 from the field, including 3-of-4 from three-point range and 13-of-14 from the free throw line. The 42 points are the most ever scored against a Florida team.

- With her 34 points against West Virginia on Jan. 4, 31 against Marquette and 31 against Montana, Zellous has now had nine 30-point games in her career. The 42 points at Florida, however, marked her first 40-point game.

Terrific Tourney...

- Pitt claimed the Pitt Thanksgiving Tournament with a 57-point victory over Youngstown State, which is the largest win for the Panthers since the 1976-77 season.

- **Shavonte Zellous** was named the tournament MVP, and **Xenia Stewart** and **Pepper Wilson** were named to the all-tournament team.

Zellous' Zealots...

- Now fans of **Shavonte Zellous** can follow her season-long escapades online. New this season, Shavonte will have a weekly blog posted on www.ncaa.com/blog/shavonte-zellous-blog.html.

- Is the link too long to remember? Connect directly to her blog from the women's basketball page on www.pittsburghpanthers.com.

Xenia's Take...

- **Xenia Stewart** is getting a chance to tell her side of the story to the *New York Times* in her weekly blog.

- Xenia's blog is featured on their College Basketball page under The Quad.

Rookie's Perspective...

- In addition to Shavonte Zellous' and Xenia Stewart's blogs, fans can get a freshman's perspective on the season through the eyes of **Kate Popovec**. Popovec will also have a weekly blog on pittsburghpanthers.com.

NCAAs 2010...

- Pitt has been awarded the honor of hosting the 2010 NCAA Tournament first and second round games. Pittsburgh will be one of 16 first and second round sites and will host four schools.

- The Petersen Events Center was the site of the 2007 NCAA Tournament first and second rounds as well -- a first for the program.

- Games are tentatively scheduled for March 20-23, 2010 with official dates to be released at a later date.

Staying Home...

- Freshman center **Shawnice "Pepper" Wilson**, a 6-6 Pittsburgh native from Westinghouse High School, decided to stay home and play at Pitt. The Panthers are reaping the rewards as the rookie has stepped into the starting role of Mercedes

Petersen Events Center Attendance Records

1. 12,632..... vs. Connecticut 1/25/03
2. 8,791.....vs. Tennessee 3/20/07*
3. 8,691....vs. Mount St. Mary's 11/17/06
4. 8,509..... vs. Louisville 1/27/08
5. 7,814.....vs. Notre Dame 2/21/04
6. 6,443..... vs. Cincinnati 2/21/09
7. 6,601.....vs. James Madison 3/18/07*
8. 6,385.....vs. Rutgers 2/2/08
9. 6,253..... vs. Connecticut 2/17/08
10. 5,712.....vs. St. John's 1/13/07

* - NCAA Tournament

House Party

- Pitt has built up a home court advantage since head coach Agnus Berenato came to town. From 2003-04's attendance of 1,270, the Panthers upped their average to 4,013 per home game in 2007-08 -- a 316 percent increase. Below are the averages from the last five seasons:

2008-09 (3,442) in 15 games
2007-08 (4,013) in 10 games
2006-07 (3,640) in 13 games
2005-06 (1,558) in 16 games
2004-05 (1,242) in 11 games
2003-04 (1,270) in 15 games

Pitt In The Petersen Events Center

Season.....	W-L	2006-07	11-3
2002-03	8-6	2007-08	8-2
2003-04	3-12	2008-09	14-1
2004-05	2-8	Total	55-36
2005-06	9-4		



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Walker -- a two-time District I All-America -- who graduated in the spring.

Preseason Honors...

- Senior **Shavonte Zellous** has been voted by Big East coaches as a unanimous pre-season All-Big East team member. The guard is already a two-time First Team All-Big East team member and is hoping for her third consecutive honor this season.
- Zellous was also named a Lindy's pre-season second team All-America -- one of the top 10 players in the nation. She also earned a spot on the Sporting News All-America third team.
- The prestigious Wooden Award and Wade Trophy has also named Zellous to their pre-season watch lists.

Recapping 2007-08...

- Pitt earned its first-ever trip to the Sweet 16 with a second round win over Baylor. The Panthers have made just two trips to the NCAA tournament (2007 and 2008), but have won at least one game in both trips.
- With Pitt's 67-59 win over No. 12 Baylor in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, the team reached 24 wins for the second time in school history and the second consecutive season.
- Pitt's win over the No. 12 Lady Bears gave Pitt its fourth win over a ranked team in 2007-08, which is a school record. All of Pitt's four victories actually came over teams ranked in the top 15. Prior to that

season, just two of Pitt's all-time wins over ranked teams were in the top 25. The Panthers also played a school-record 12 teams ranked in the *Associated Press* top 25.

- Junior **Shavonte Zellous** was named to the Spokane Regional All-Tournament team as one of five players. She was the lone player from a team not in the Regional final game. Zellous averaged 20.0 points per game in the NCAA Tournament.
- Pitt had a school-record four All-Big East honorees that season with **Shavonte Zellous** named to her second-consecutive first team, **Marcedes Walker** with second team honors and **Chelsea Cole** and **Taneisha Harrison** garnering All-Freshman honors.

Live Streaming...

- All Pitt home games not broadcast on television will be streamed live for free on Panthers All-Access. The video will show scores and graphics and will be accompanied by the radio call from Greg Linnelli, Jen Tuscano and Mike Clark.
- For more information, go to www.pittsburghpanthers.com.

The Net...

- The home for Pitt Athletics on the web, www.PittsburghPanthers.com, is your source for Pitt Women's Basketball. The website offers the most recent information and news on the Panthers. At www.PittsburghPanthers.com All Access, you can also listen to each women's basketball game broadcast and follow along on

live scoring for every home game.

- Select road games will also be streamed live on the web.

Interview Policies...

- Requests to interview **Coach Berenato** or another member of the Pitt basketball team should be made at least 24 hours in advance to **Mendy Nestor** of the Pitt Media Relations office in the Petersen Events Center by calling 412-648-1018. Requests will be met based on the players class and practice schedules.

On The Air...

- The Panthers can be heard live on Fox Sports Radio 970 AM for the entire regular and postseason. Greg Linnelli will handle play-by-play duties while Mike Clark and Jen Tuscano will offer color commentary. Each game can also be heard live on the internet at www.PittsburghPanthers.com.

The Agnus Berenato Era... Landmark Wins

• Under Berenato, the Panthers have had their first-ever trip and win at the NCAA Tournament, its highest-ever ranking and a win over the highest ranked team in school history. Below are a few of her signature victories.

Date	Opponent	Score	Significance
3-18-06	Delaware	64-57	WNIT win -- Gave Pitt its first 20-win season in 12 years
1-9-07	#16 Marquette	91-87 (OT)	First win over ranked team at Pitt
1-31-07	Notre Dame	71-62	School's first win over Irish
2-26-07	at Georgetown	68-58	Gave Pitt 22 wins in regular season -- the most ever
3-18-07	James Madison	71-61	First ever appearance and win in NCAA Tournament. Most wins in school history (24)
1-6-08	at #15 DePaul	97-68	Largest win over a ranked team (29 points)
3-3-08	Georgetown	70-33	Gave Pitt its third consecutive 20-win season -- a school record
3-9-08	#9 Notre Dame	64-53	Then-highest ranked team Pitt has defeated -- first top 10 victory. Also gave Pitt three wins over ranked teams in one season -- a school record
3-24-08	#12 Baylor	67-59	Pitt's first NCAA Tourney second round victory sending the team to the Sweet 16 -- its first ever
11-24-08	Penn State	80-59	Largest win over in-state rival Penn State in school history
12-7-08	#8 Maryland	86-57	Highest ranked team Pitt has defeated. Also tied Pitt's largest win over a ranked team (29 points)
1-4-09	West Virginia	72-63	100th win at Pitt
2-10-09	at Rutgers	61-53 (OT)	Pitt's first-ever win at Rutgers
3-2-09	St. John's	79-60	Gave Pitt its best-ever winning percentage in Big East play at 12-4
3-23-09	Gonzaga	65-60	Sent Pitt to the Sweet 16 for the second consecutive year and gave Pitt the most wins in history at 25

To be continued...



Pitt Big East Team Stats (as of 3/10)

Team	Big East	ALL
Scoring Offense	5 (68.5)	3 (74.1)
Scoring Defense	5 (61.5)	5 (58.6)
Scoring Margin	3 (+7.0)	2 (+15.4)
FT Percentage	5 (.737)	5 (.733)
FG Percentage	7 (.399)	6 (.424)
FG Percentage Def	3 (.375)	2 (.359)
3-Pt. FG Percentage	8 (.326)	3 (.355)
3-Pt. FG Pct. Def.	4 (.297)	11 (.319)
Rebounding Offense	3 (41.9)	1 (43.9)
Rebounding Defense	9 (37.3)	7 (35.2)
Rebounding Margin	2 (+4.6)	2 (+8.7)
Blocked Shots	3 (5.6)	2 (5.7)
Assists	5 (13.1)	5 (14.8)
Steals	14 (5.8)	14 (6.5)
Turnover Margin	6 (+0.9)	5 (+2.8)
Assist/Turnover Ratio	4 (0.9)	4 (1.0)
Offensive Rebounds	1 (17.4)	1 (17.8)
Defensive Rebounds	6 (24.5)	3 (26.1)
3-Pt FG Made	11 (4.6)	9 (5.0)

NCAA Individual Stats (as of 3/12)

Name	Category	NCAA Rank
Shavonte Zellous	PPG	7 (22.5)

NCAA Team Stats (as of 3/12)

Team	NCAA Rank
Scoring Offense	16 (74.1)
Scoring Margin	10 (+15.4)
FG Percentage Def	22 (.359)
Rebounding Margin	8 (8.7)
Assist/Turnover Ratio	21 (1.00)
Blocked Shots	11 (5.7)
Turnovers Per Game	23 (14.8)

Panthers In The Big East (3/10)

Individual	Big East	ALL
Scoring		
S. Zellous	2 (22.9)	2 (22.5)
X. Stewart		30 (11.1)
Rebounding		
C. Cole	15 (6.8)	
S. Scott	17 (6.4)	15 (6.8)
Assists		
S. Zellous		15 (3.0)
FT Percentage		
S. Zellous		10 (.774)
X. Stewart	11 (.792)	
Steals		
X. Stewart		15 (1.6)
3 Point FG Percentage		
S. Scott	13 (.357)	
S. Zellous		11 (.367)
3 Point FGs Made		
S. Zellous	10 (1.8)	11 (1.8)
Blocked Shots		
C. Cole	8 (1.3)	
P. Wilson	8 (1.3)	7 (1.3)
Assist/Turnover Ratio		
X. Stewart	7 (1.6)	8 (1.6)
Offensive Rebounds		
P. Wilson	14 (2.6)	13 (2.8)
Defensive Rebounds		
S. Scott		13 (4.2)
C. Cole	15 (4.2)	
Minutes Played		
S. Zellous	7 (34.9)	

Final Big East Standings (as of 3/12)

Team	Big East	Pct.	All	Pct.	Streak
1. Connecticut	16-0	1.000	33-0	1.000	W33
2. Louisville	14-2	.875	29-4	.879	L1
3. Pittsburgh	12-4	.750	23-7	.767	L1
4. Villanova	10-6	.625	19-13	.594	L1
5. Notre Dame	10-6	.625	22-8	.733	L1
6. DePaul	10-6	.625	23-9	.719	L1
7. Rutgers	9-7	.562	19-12	.613	L1
8. USF	8-8	.500	22-10	.688	L1
9. Georgetown	7-9	.438	17-13	.567	L3
10. Marquette	7-9	.438	16-15	.516	L4
11. West Virginia	5-11	.312	17-14	.548	L1
12. Syracuse	5-11	.312	16-14	.533	L1
13. St. John's	4-12	.250	17-14	.548	L1
14. Providence	4-12	.250	10-20	.333	L3
15. Seton Hall	4-12	.250	17-14	.548	L1
16. Cincinnati	3-13	.188	14-17	.452	L1



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The Last Time...

TEAM

- ...Pitt scored 100 points
Pitt 104, Norfolk State 78 (Dec. 29, 2002)
- ...an opponent scored 100 points
Connecticut 112, Pitt 43 at Storrs, Conn. (Jan. 1, 2002)
- ...Pitt scored 100 points at Pittsburgh
Pitt 104, Norfolk State 78 (Dec. 29, 2002)
- ...an opponent scored 100 points at Pittsburgh
Connecticut 106, Pitt 52 (2OT) (Jan. 7, 1999)
- ...Pitt scored 100 points and lost
Providence 123, Pitt 105 at Providence, R.I. (Feb. 8, 1989)
- ...an opponent scored 100 points and lost
Never
- ...Pitt scored 110 points
Pitt 111, Kent State 97 (Dec. 18, 1994)
- ...an opponent scored 110 points
Pitt 105, Providence 123 at Providence, R.I. (Feb. 8, 1989)
- ...Pitt scored 115 points
Never
- ...an opponent scored 115 points
Pitt 105, Providence 123 at Providence, R.I. (Feb. 8, 1989)
- ...Pitt had a +35 rebound margin
35 -- Pitt 61, Mount St. Mary's 23 (Nov. 20, 2007)
- ...Pitt had a +25 rebound margin
33 -- Pitt 61, West Virginia State (Dec. 13, 2008)
- ...an opponent had a +25 rebound margin
31 -- UConn 54, Pitt 20 (Jan. 2, 2002)
- ...Pitt had a +20 rebound margin
21 -- Pitt 48, Wagner 27 (Dec. 30, 2007)
- ...an opponent had a +20 rebound margin
24 -- Stanford 54, Pitt 30 (March 29, 2008)
- ...Pitt attempted 35 free throws
36 - at Florida A&M (Dec. 19, 2008)
- ...an opponent attempted 35 free throws
36 - by Maryland (Nov. 27, 2007)
- ...Pitt made 30 free throws
30 - vs. Syracuse (Jan. 9, 2008)
- ...an opponent made 30 free throws
30 - by Maryland (Nov. 27, 2007)
- ...Pitt had 25 assists
25 -- at Western Michigan (Nov. 20, 2008)
- ...an opponent had 25 assists
26 - by Connecticut (Feb. 17, 2004)
- ...Pitt had 20 steals
25 -- vs. Niagra (Nov. 22, 1981)
- ...an opponent had 20 steals
21 -- by Miami (Jan. 17, 2004)
- ...Pitt had 25 turnovers
25 - at Louisville (Feb. 28, 2009)
- ...an opponent had 25 turnovers
27 - by Western Michigan (Nov. 20, 2008)
- ...Pitt scored 35 points or less
35 at West Virginia (Feb. 13, 2008)
- ...an opponent scored 35 points or less
35 by Montana (March 21, 2009)
- ...Pitt scored 25 points or less
Never
- ...an opponent scored 25 points or less
25 -- by C.C.A.C. (Jan. 22, 1977)
- ...Pitt scored 14 points or less in a half
13 -- vs. West Virginia (Feb. 23, 2008) (1st)
- ...an opponent scored 14 points or less in a half
10 -- by Montana (March 21, 2009) (2nd)^

- ...Pitt had 10 blocks in a game
10 -- vs. Gonzaga (March 23, 2009)
- ...an opponent had 10 blocks in a game
10 -- Providence (Jan. 7, 2009)
- ...Pitt had 3 turnovers or less in a game
3 -- vs. Villanova (Feb. 6, 2007)
- ...an opponent had 3 turnovers or less in a game
3 -- Connecticut (Feb. 22, 2005)

INDIVIDUAL

- ...a Pitt player scored 40 points
42 -- Shavonte Zellous at Florida (Dec. 21, 2008)
- ...an opponent scored 40 points
40 - Nadine Malcolm of Providence (Dec. 9, 1995)
- ...a Pitt player scored 30 points
31 - Shavonte Zellous vs. Montana (March 21, 2009)
- ...an opponent scored 30 points
31 -- Angel McCoughtry of Louisville (March 9, 2009)
- ...a Pitt player attempted 25 field goals
27 - Shavonte Zellous vs. Montana (March 21, 2009)
- ...an opponent attempted 25 field goals
26 - Hill (11-26) of St. Francis (NY) (Dec. 28, 2004)
- ...a Pitt player recorded a double-double
Pepper Wilson (12 pts./11 rebs.) vs. St. John's (March 2, 2009)
- ...an opponent recorded a double-double
Angel McCoughtry of Louisville (31 pts./14 rebs.) (March 9, 2009)
- ...Two Pitt players recorded a double-double in the same game
Shayla Scott (14 pts./14 rebs.) vs. West Virginia State (Dec. 13, 2009)
Kate Popovec (17 pts./10 rebs.) vs. West Virginia State (Dec. 13, 2009)
- ...Two opponents recorded a double-double in the same game
M. Moore of Connecticut (18 pts./12 rebs.) by UConn (Feb. 15, 2009)
T. Charles of Connecticut (18 pts./11 rebs.) by UConn (Feb. 15, 2009)
K. Greene of Connecticut (11 pts./11 rebs.) by UConn (Feb. 15, 2009)
- ...a Pitt player recorded a double-double without including points
Lanie Selwyn (10 rebs./14 assists) vs. Norfolk State (Dec. 29, 2002)
- ...an opponent recorded a double-double without including points
N/A
- ...a Pitt player recorded a triple-double
Lanie Selwyn (12 pts./11 rebs./10 asst.) vs. St. John's (Feb. 9, 2002)
- ...an opponent recorded a triple-double
Never
- ...a Pitt player had 15 rebounds
18 - Shayla Scott vs. Notre Dame (Feb. 3, 2009)
- ...an opponent had 15 rebounds
16 - Kayla Pedersen of Stanford (March 29, 2008)
- ...a Pitt player had 20 rebounds
23 - Pam Miklasevich vs. Syracuse (Jan. 30, 1980)
- ...an opponent had 20 rebounds
21 -- Sugeiry Monsac of Robert Morris (Dec 1, 2004)
- ...a Pitt player made 14 field goals
14 -- Mandy Wittenmyer (14-18) vs. Florida Atlantic (Dec. 7, 2002)
- ...an opponent made 14 field goals
14 - Laura Kurz of Villanova (Feb. 18, 2009)
- ...a Pitt player had 15 assists
16 - Laine Selwyn vs. St. Francis (Pa.) (Dec. 30, 2001)
- ...an opponent had 15 assists
Never
- ...a Pitt player had 10 assists
12 - Taneisha Harrison (Dec. 7, 2009)
- ...an opponent had 10 assists
10 - Kia Wright of St. John's (Jan. 13, 2007)

To be continued...



Agnus Berenato

**HEAD COACH
SIXTH SEASON AT
PITTSBURGH**

397-337 overall record
114-73 at Pitt (6th season)
Alma mater: Mount St. Mary's, 1980
Hometown: Gloucester City, N.J.

Agnus Berenato has been exactly what the University of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh community needed. In just five seasons, she has taken a Panther team from complete anonymity and turned them into a program that is not just winning, it is making a nation-wide impact.

For the amazing transformation Berenato has accomplished with the Pitt program, she was awarded a contract extension through the 2015-16 season.

A recent accomplishment for the squad was guard Shavonte Zellous' appointment to the Lindy's All-America second team, which is the first such preseason honor for the senior. Just a short time later, she was named to the Sporting News All-America third team. In addition to the individual awards, the Panthers earned preseason rankings from both Lindy's and Athlon.

In 2007-08, Pitt became just the 10th school in the last 20 years to advance to the Sweet 16 in just its second ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The Panthers also became the first since 2000 when they upset No. 3-seed and 12th-ranked Baylor in the second round, 67-59.

Also last season, the team tied the school record for wins in a season with 24, reached the semifinals of the Big East Tournament by defeating No. 9 Notre Dame, and received a No. 6 seed in the NCAA Tournament. That win over Notre Dame marked Pitt's first-ever win over a top 10 school in one of four victories over top 15-ranked teams in the season – another school record.

Individually, Pitt had four players honored on All-Big East teams including Shavonte Zellous on the first team, Mercedes Walker on the second team and Chelsea Cole and Taneisha Harrison on the All-Freshman squad. Walker became Pitt's first-ever four-time All-Big East team member and also earned her second Region I State Farm Coaches All-America team honor as a senior, which is also a first for a Panther player.

Berenato's impact on the program has reached far beyond the court and the win/

loss column, however, as she has put Pitt women's basketball on the map. Last season, Pitt was on national, regional or local television 18 times and received unprecedented coverage on the national scene. The Panthers earned their highest-ever ranking in the top 25 polls with a No. 14 Associated Press mark and No. 15 in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll.

Under Berenato's guidance, Pitt has had three consecutive 20-win seasons and three consecutive post-season tournament appearances, which are both school bests.

Prior to the 2006-07 season, Berenato made clear her intentions of being a participant at the NCAA Tournament -- Pitt's first in school history. After the loss of senior Mallorie Winn to injury, Berenato's goals did not change. In fact, they intensified playing to the most wins in Pitt history with a 24-9 record -- including a 71-61 win over James Madison in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

That 2006-07 squad earned its first-ever ranking in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll and was ranked in the AP poll for the first time since 1979. Mercedes Walker was named Pitt's first Kodak/WBCA District I All-American in 16 years and Shavonte Zellous earned the Big East's Most Improved Player award.

Walker and Zellous were also named to the All-Big East First Team and freshman Jania Sims earned All-Freshman team honors.

In 2005-06, Pitt concluded the season at 22-11, which at the time, tied the school record for wins. In addition, the Panthers finished above .500 with a 9-7 Big East Conference record and secured a sixth-place finish -- the Panthers' highest since 1995.

All of that success landed Pitt in the Women's National Invitation Tournament for just the fourth time in school history -- something many had not predicted at the beginning of the season after being picked to finish 13th of 16 teams in the Big East Conference. The Panthers again

Background on Berenato

Full Name: Agnus McGlade Berenato

Birthdate: Dec. 9, 1956

Husband: Jack Berenato

Children: Theresa Marie (25), Andrew (24), Joey (20), Clare (18), Christina (15)

Education: Mount St. Mary's, 1980

High School Coaching Experience:
Holy Cross High School (1 year)
Head Coach — 1981

College Coaching Experience:

Rider (4 years)
Head Coach — 1982-85
Georgia Tech (2 years)
Assistant Coach — 1987-88
Georgia Tech (15 years)
Head Coach — 1989-2003
Pittsburgh (Sixth year)
Head Coach — 2003-Present

Honors:

- Bicentennial Medal of Distinction from Mount St. Mary's
- Dapper Dan Sportswoman of the Year (2006 and 2008)
- Women and Girls Foundation Honoree
- Inducted into Camden County [NJ] Sports Hall of Fame (2005)
- Named a finalist for the prestigious Pittsburgh ATHENA Award (2005)
- Girl Scouts Woman of Distinction - Sports and Fitness in 2005
- Recipient of the "Native Son" award, presented annually by the Philadelphia Sports Writers' Association (2004)
- WBCA Head Coach of the All-Star team at the 2003 Final Four in Atlanta
- Two-time State of Georgia Division I Coach of the Year by the Atlanta Tip-off Club (1992, 2003)
- Honored as a member of Marquis Who's Who in 2002-03 and 2003-04
- Honored as a member of Strathmore Who's Who in 2002-03
- Inducted into the Rider Hall of Fame (2002)
- GAHPERD College Coach of the Year (2000)
- National Girls & Women in Sports Day College Coach of the Year (2000)
- Recipient of an honorary doctorate in Humane Letters from Mount St. Mary's (1995)
- Recipient of the "Distinguished Alumni" award from the Mount St. Mary's National Alumni Association
- Basketball Club of South Jersey Hall of Fame
- Jackie Joyner-Kerse Volunteer Award



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surpassed expectations advancing to the semifinals of the WNIT with three victories.

For the first time since 1983, two Pitt players earned All-Big East honors when Mercedes Walker (First Team) and Mallorie Winn (Second Team) were announced on March 3 at the league's annual banquet.

Under Berenato's guidance in 2004-05, the Panthers began to make significant strides in becoming that top-notch program worthy of hosting an event such as the NCAA Tournament. On the court, Walker became the first Pitt freshman in school history to nab All-Big East honors. Off the court, 10 of Berenato's players earned at least a 3.0 grade-point average to give the Panthers an All-America Academic Team nomination.

The success is a credit to Berenato's character and the fact that she practices what she preaches to her team. Her passion for women's basketball has helped make her players better students and better people. She has things to do, goals to achieve, and plans to see them through – the faster, the better.

Since joining Pitt from Georgia Tech prior to the 2003-04 season, Berenato has worked with her staff to make the Panthers a perennial postseason team. The success has been apparent, jumping from six wins in her first year with the Panthers to 13 her second season and more than 20 wins each of the last three years (22, 24 and 24).

- Among her accomplishments at Pitt:
- Shavonte Zellous was named as a Lindy's second team and Sporting News' third team All-America
- Took the team on a tour of Italy and Greece in the Summer of 2008
- The Panthers then advanced to their first-ever Sweet 16 appearance in 2008
- A school record four wins over ranked teams in a season (2007-08)
- Highest ranking in school history -- No. 14 in AP and No. 15 in Coaches (2007-08)
- Pitt was ranked No. 16 in the final USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll (2007-08) for the program's first postseason ranking
- The Panthers defeated the highest ranked team in school history -- No. 9 Notre Dame (2007-08)
- Pitt was on national or regional television 18 times during the regular season in 2007-08
- Pitt and Penn State marked the first ever women's basketball TV broadcast on the Big Ten Network.
- Pitt was ranked in the top 25 preseason polls for the first time (both AP and USA Today/ESPN Coaches Polls)
- Pitt was on ESPN2 for the first time in the regular season at Notre Dame (2-10-08)
- Led Pitt to its first-ever trip to the NCAA Tournament in 2007

- Pitt won its first-ever game in the NCAA Tournament with a 71-61 win over James Madison on March 18, 2007
- Most wins in school history in 2006-07 and 2007-08 (24)
- First time ever ranked in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll (2006-07)
- First time ranked in the AP poll since 1979 (2006-07)
- Fastest team ever to 20 wins (2006-07)
- School record 12-0 start (2006-07)
- Mercedes Walker was named a Kodak/WBCA District I All-American – Pitt's first in 16 years (2006-07)
- Shavonte Zellous was named the Big East's Most Improved Player -- Pitt's first ever

"We're building a top-notch program here and everything that's happening is a step in that direction," Berenato said. "We want all of our players to strive to play on national teams and to be the best they can be on the court and in the classroom."

A subject of importance with Berenato is her devotion to the community and her work in Pittsburgh and surrounding areas is plentiful. She recently received her second Dapper Dan Sportswoman of the Year award in the last three years, a prestigious award in the city of Pittsburgh given to someone who succeeds athletically, as well as makes a difference in the community.

Berenato was recently named to the Board at Magee-Women's Research Institute and Foundation in Pittsburgh. She is an advocate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Race For The Cure – a charity organization for the prevention and treatment of breast cancer.

In addition to her local involvement, Berenato agreed to join the committee for the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS), the oldest survivor-led advocacy organization working on behalf of this country's nearly 10 million cancer survivors and the millions more touched by the disease.

In 2008, Berenato was recognized by her alma mater, Mount St. Mary's, when she received the Bicentennial Medal of Honor. She has been honored by the Girl Scouts Trillium Council as the Sports and Fitness honoree at their Women and Girls of Distinction ceremony, earned induction into the Camden County [N.J.] Sports Hall of Fame, and was named a finalist for the prestigious ATHENA Award.

In the spring of 2004, Berenato received the "Native Son Award," an annual award presented by the Philadelphia Sports Writers Association to a native of the Philadelphia area who has achieved success in athletics.

Berenato has made a name for herself throughout the University of Pittsburgh and the community for her dynamic pub-

lic speaking ability, and she has been invited to be the keynote speaker at several local middle and high school events and banquets. The Greensburg YWCA Sportswoman's Banquet, auctioneer for Research for Women's Health Issues and Magee Women's Hospital luncheon keynote speaker are just a few of the places at which she has spoken. As she did in Atlanta, she also takes pride in speaking at the local Kiwanis, Lions, and Rotary Clubs in Western Pennsylvania.

As a popular speaker for Pitt alumni functions, Berenato has appeared at Napa, Calif., to Baltimore/Potomac to Chicago, to name just a few. Locally, Berenato recently served as the commencement speaker at Mt. Alvernia High School, keynote speaker for Family Enterprise Award Banquet and the Big Brothers, Big Sisters annual dinner.

She was also the keynote speaker for the 2007 Non-Profit Leadership Conference and the 2006 YMCA State Conference and is an annual speaker at the YMCA Scholar-Athlete Banquet. In 2007 and 2008, Berenato served as a panelist on "Balancing Family and Coaching" at the annual WBCA Convention at the Final Four. Her community projects include: Juvenile Diabetes, Read 365, Healthy for Life Conference and she co-hosted a basketball clinic with former Steeler's Coach Bill Cowher for Family Resources, among her other activities.

Berenato reached a personal milestone in 2005 as she collected her 300th career

Berenato Year-By-Year

Season	School	Record
1981-82	Rider	26-7
1982-83	Rider	14-14
1983-84	Rider	11-15
1984-85	Rider	9-19
1988-89	Georgia Tech	14-14
1989-90	Georgia Tech	13-17
1990-91	Georgia Tech	15-13
1991-92	Georgia Tech	20-13
1992-93	Georgia Tech	16-11
1993-94	Georgia Tech	12-15
1994-95	Georgia Tech	14-16
1995-96	Georgia Tech	14-13
1996-97	Georgia Tech	15-12
1997-98	Georgia Tech	11-17
1998-99	Georgia Tech	13-14
1999-00	Georgia Tech	17-14
2000-01	Georgia Tech	14-15
2001-02	Georgia Tech	15-14
2002-03	Georgia Tech	20-11
2003-04	Pitt	6-20
2004-05	Pitt	13-15
2005-06	Pitt	22-11
2006-07	Pitt	24-9
2007-08	Pitt	24-11
2008-09	Pitt	25-7
PITT TOTALS		114-73 (.610)
TOTALS		397-337 (.541)

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Women's Basketball

victory with an 85-81 win over Big East foe Georgetown.

Upon Berenato's hiring, University of Pittsburgh Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg said, "We believe the University of Pittsburgh women's basketball program has unlimited potential, and in Agnus Berenato we have found the perfect person to make that potential a reality. Anyone who meets Agnus for the first time cannot help but be impressed with both her knowledge and enthusiasm. Certainly with over 300 career victories, her ability as a coach is obvious. Just as exciting, Agnus has demonstrated a

record of commitment to academics and the complete development of her student-athletes. It will be exciting to watch our program grow, on and off the court, under her leadership."

Guiding Georgia Tech to the postseason in each of her final four years, including the 2003 NCAA Tournament, Berenato owned a 223-209 (.516) record with the Yellow Jackets. She mentored the team to its first postseason championship by capturing the 1992 National Women's Invitational Tournament, compiling a 20-13 overall record.

In her final season at Georgia Tech, the team finished 20-11 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament. The Yellow Jackets upset No. 22 Georgia, 65-61, en route to starting the season with an 11-1 record. Berenato's squad made it to the semifinals of the ACC Tournament before falling to eventual champion and Final Four participant Duke. The Yellow Jackets also recorded a school-record 10-game winning streak. In five of her last seven seasons at Georgia Tech, Berenato led the Yellow Jackets to victories over top-15 opponents.

A two-time recipient of the Women's NCAA Division I Coach of the Year award in the state of Georgia by the Atlanta Tip-off Club, Berenato is a recognized recruiter as well as a successful coach. Her 2002 recruiting class was ranked among the top 15 in the nation by such publications as the All-Star Girls Report. Additionally, Athlon magazine ranked her 2001 class 13th nationally.

Berenato has coached 13 all-conference honorees, including Walker, Winn and Zellous and Georgia Tech's Sonja Mallory, who was selected in the WNBA Draft, chosen 24th overall by the New York Liberty.

Berenato also served two years as an assistant coach at Georgia Tech (1986-87). She was responsible for recruiting and coaching Tech's frontcourt players. Before arriving at Georgia Tech, Berenato spent four years as the head women's basket-

ball coach at Rider University, compiling a 60-55 record. In her first season at Rider, Berenato guided the Broncs to their best record in school history with a 26-7 mark. Following that year, she was named New Jersey Coaches Association (NJCA) Coach of the Year for her efforts while Rider was named its Team of the Year.

While at Rider, Berenato was also the women's volleyball coach for four years, posting a 66-51 record, including a school-record 25-12 mark in 1983. She was inducted into the Rider Hall of Fame in February, 2002.

A 1980 graduate of Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Md., Berenato earned her bachelor's degree in sociology and was a three-year starter on the basketball team. Playing for former NBA star and current ESPN analyst Fred Carter, she was a two-time captain for the Mountaineers and after serving eight years on the college's Board of Trustees, she is a Trustee Emeritus.

Berenato is currently a weekly voter in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll, a member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), the Naismith Hall of Fame committee and is a member of the Girl Scouts Alumnae Association. In the past, she has been a member of the Kodak All-America Selection Committee, East Regional Championship Committee, the Atlanta Women's Network, Inc., the Georgia Women's Intersport Network, and Atlanta Women in Sports.

She also received the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Volunteer Award for exemplary volunteerism from the Jesse Draper Boys' and Girls' Club of Atlanta a few years ago. Additionally, she was selected by the Institute of International Sports as one of its Sports Ethics Fellows in 1996.

A native of Gloucester City, N.J., Berenato and her husband Jack have five children: Theresa Marie (26), Andrew (24), Joey (20), Clare (18) and Christina (15).

Berenato Versus Big East Conference Teams

CINCINNATI	
As Head Coach at Pittsburgh.....	6-0
TOTAL	6-0
CONNECTICUT	
As Head Coach at Pittsburgh.....	0-7
TOTAL	0-7
DEPAUL	
As Head Coach at Pittsburgh.....	2-3
TOTAL	2-3
GEORGETOWN	
As Head Coach at Pittsburgh.....	6-1
TOTAL	6-1
LOUISVILLE	
As Head Coach at Pittsburgh.....	1-4
TOTAL	1-4
MARQUETTE	
As Head Coach at Pittsburgh.....	2-3
TOTAL	2-3
NOTRE DAME	
As Head Coach at Pittsburgh.....	3-4
As Head Coach at Georgia Tech ...	0-1
TOTAL	3-5
PROVIDENCE	
As Head Coach at Pittsburgh.....	6-1
TOTAL	6-1
RUTGERS	
As Head Coach at Pittsburgh.....	1-6
As Head Coach at Rider	1-0
TOTAL	2-6
ST. JOHN'S	
As Head Coach at Pittsburgh.....	2-5
As Head Coach at Georgia Tech ...	1-0
TOTAL	3-5
SETON HALL	
As Head Coach at Pittsburgh.....	5-1
As Head Coach at Georgia Tech ...	1-0
As Head Coach at Rider	0-1
TOTAL	6-2
SYRACUSE	
As Head Coach at Pittsburgh.....	5-2
TOTAL	5-2
USF	
As Head Coach at Pittsburgh.....	5-1
As Head Coach at Georgia Tech ...	1-0
TOTAL	6-1
VILLANOVA	
As Head Coach at Pittsburgh.....	4-3
As Head Coach at Rider	0-3
TOTAL	4-6
WEST VIRGINIA	
As Head Coach at Pittsburgh.....	4-6
TOTAL	4-6

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Shavonte Zellous...

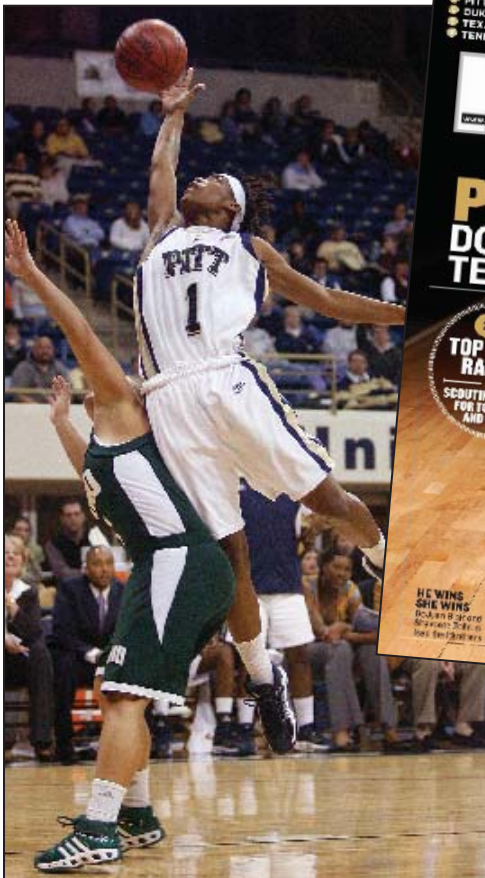
Find out more about Shavonte at www.ShavonteZellous1.com

- Is second in the Big East in scoring and seventh in the country with 22.8 points per game
- Became Pitt's single-season scoring champion with 31 points in win over Montana
- Pitt's third 2,000-point scorer in women's history and fifth overall (men's and women's)
- Big East Player of the Week three times this season and seven times in her career
- Midseason Wooden Award and Naismith Trophy candidate
- Preseason Lindy's Second Team All-America -- one of just 10 players total named to their All-America team
- Preseason Sporting News Third Team All-America
- Preseason Wade Trophy, Naismith Award and Wooden Award watch lists
- Named to the five-player 2008 Spokane All-Region Team -- the only player not in the Regional final game
- A two-time All-Big East First Team member
- Earned Big East Player of the Week honors three times last season
- Reached the 1,000-point milestone against Marshall on Dec. 1, 2007
- Currently in third place in scoring in Pitt history with 2,233 points
- Pitt's scoring leader the last two seasons -- just the third Pitt player all-time to score over 600 points in a season and she has done it three times (the only one in Pitt history)

"I think she (Zellous) is the best athlete we have here in this region (Spokane Region) and that includes Candice Wiggins."

"She's a gamer. She wants to win. She's just got more 'want to' than anyone else on the floor."

Debbie Antonelli



"She's [Zellous] an incredible talent. She really is. That's why I voted her first team preseason all-conference. That girl can really play."

Quentin Hillsman, Syracuse
2008 Big East Co-Coach of the Year

"Zellous is one of the college game's outstanding pure scorers, up there with players like Toliver. She's got a mid-range shot and has always been able to get to the free-throw line, but the progress she's made behind the 3-point line this season adds another dimension."

Graham Hays, Women's Basketball
Contributor for ESPN

"The thing she (Zellous) does so well... her first dribble gets her by the defender, her second dribble gets her the open shot because they can't catch up to the dribble. It really is a thing of beauty."

Nancy Lieberman

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Women's Basketball

Player Capsules

#1 Shavonte Zellous

5-11 • Sr. • Guard • Orlando, Fla./Jones HS

- Leader of the team on and off the court
- Dapper Dan Sportswoman of the Year
- Midseason Wooden Award and Naismith Trophy candidate
- New Pittsburgh Courier's 2009 Feb 40 Award
- Named to numerous preseason lists including: Unanimous All-Big East team, *Lindy's* Second Team All-America, *Sporting News* and *Sports Illustrated's* Third Team All-America, Wade Trophy and Wooden Award watch lists
- Graced the cover of the *Sports Illustrated* College Preview with Pitt men's player DeJuan Blair
- Pitt's leading scorer in each of the last two seasons
- Became Pitt's third 2,000-point scorer on Jan. 3, 2009 vs. Notre Dame
- Has her own weekly blog on NCAA.com
- Two-time All-Big East First Team member
- 2008 Spokane Regional All-Tournament team member
- 2007 Big East Most Improved Player
- Is a 2008 graduate with a Bachelor of Science in administration of justice and is currently pursuing a second degree
- Nickname is Tae or Tae Tae

#2 Sophronia Sallard

5-10 • Jr. • Forward • Syracuse, N.Y./Nottingham/Kansas

- Gritty player, who brings a blue-collar effort every day
- Earned a starting position towards the end of last season
- Named the ESPN.com Player of the Day for her efforts in Pitt's NCAA first round victory over Wyoming
- Transferred to Pitt from Kansas after her freshman season
- Nickname is Phro

#10 Taneisha Harrison

6-0 • So. • Guard • Bowie, Md./St. John's College HS

- Aggressive natural guard, who can play numerous positions on the court
- Had an outstanding game against No. 8 Maryland with a career-high 12 assists
- Solid perimeter shooter, but isn't afraid to score in the paint
- Big East All-Freshman team member in 2008
- Nickname is Tee

#14 Jania Sims

5-7 • Jr. • Guard • Newark, N.J./Shabazz HS

- Suffered a leg injury in the Texas A&M season-opener and will miss the remainder of the season with bilateral tibial stress fractures, which was not the original injury that sidelined her
- Ranked No. 9 in Pitt history for assists in a season with 152 as a freshman and was named to the 2007 Big East All-Freshman team
- Nickname is J

#22 Chelsea Cole

6-3 • So. • Forward • Lumberton, N.J./Rancocas Valley HS

- A finesse post whose playing time will pick up this season with the departure of Mercedes Walker
- Named to the 2008 Big East All-Freshman team
- Earned a start in five games last season and played in all 35

#24 Sarah Ogoke

5-8 • Fr. • Guard • Sugar Land, Texas/Dulles HS

- Will serve as a backup at the point
- Rookie point guard who is a solid distributor, but isn't afraid to shoot either

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Women's Basketball

Player Capsules (cont.)

#25 Shayla Scott

6-1 • So. • Guard • Monroeville, Pa./Gateway

- Has started every game this season at the four spot
- Started 11 games as a rookie, but was hampered with injury throughout the season, missing seven games
- Has excellent range out past the arc
- Daughter of Jennifer Bruce Scott, a former Pitt player, who is the program's second-leading scorer in school history
- Niece of current Pitt Associate AD and former Pitt women's basketball coach Kirk Bruce (1985-98)
- Nickname is Shay

#32 Selena Nwude

6-5 • So.* • Center • Riverdale, Md./Eleanor Roosevelt

- Returned to action after being sidelined a year and a half with nine minutes played against Western Kentucky on Dec. 30
- Was sidelined with an ACL tear, which originally occurred against Georgetown in the last regular season game of 2007
- Again tore the ACL in the summer of 2008

#33 Xenia Stewart

6-0 • Sr. • Guard • Bowie, Md./Riverdale Baptist

- Became the 16th player in Pitt history to score 1,000 points when she tallied 17 against Penn State on Nov. 24, 2008
- Currently has a weekly blog on the *New York Times* website
- From a military family and brings that disciplined mentality to the court
- A three-year starter for the Panthers entering her senior season
- A media communications major, she is interested in broadcasting
- Nickname is Z

#40 Pepper Wilson

6-6 • Fr. • Center • Pittsburgh, Pa./Westinghouse

- Has immediately inserted herself into the starting lineup as a rookie
- Named to the all-tournament team at the Pitt Thanksgiving Tournament -- her first collegiate tourney
- Has great hands and while power is her strength, she is able to get up and down the court with the guards
- Her given name is Shawnice, but she goes by the name Pepper

#50 Kate Popovec

6-3 • Fr. • Center • Canfield, Ohio/Canfield

- Will provide strong depth for Pitt at the post
- A tough competitor, she consistently works hard and battles in practice and in games
- Nickname is KP

Pitt Preseason Rankings and Recognition

Preseason Polls

- 23rd in USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll
- Receiving votes (26th) in Associated Press
- 17th in Sports Illustrated
- 23rd in Lieberman's
- 24th in Lindy's
- 25th in Athlon
- Gballmag.com top 25

Shavonte Zellous

- Unanimous All-Big East selection
- Lindy's Second Team All-America
- Sporting News Third Team All-America
- Sports Illustrated Third Team All-America
- State Farm Wade Trophy candidate
- John Wooden Award candidate

Big East

- Team selected to finish fifth in the league
- Shavonte Zellous was a unanimous All-Big East selection

To be continued...



Shavonte Zellous #1
5-11 • Sr. • Guard
Orlando, Florida
Jones HS

2008-09 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 42 at Florida (12-21-08)
Rebounds: 11 at Seton Hall (1-20-09)
Assists: 6, twice;
 last at Syracuse (1-24-09)
Steals: 4 vs. Montana (3-21-09)
Blocks: 4 at Seton Hall (1-20-09)
FG Made: 13, twice
 last vs. Montana (3-21-09)
FG Attempted: 27 vs. Montana (3-21-09)
3-pt. FG Made: 5 at Seton Hall (1-20-09)
3-pt. FG Attempted: 9 vs. Penn State (11-24-08)
FT Made: 14 vs. Texas A&M (11-16-08)
FT Attempted: 16 vs. Texas A&M (11-16-08)
Minutes: 38, twice;
 last at Georgetown (1-27-09)

CAREER HIGHS

Points: 42 at Florida (12-21-08)
Rebounds: 11 at Seton Hall (1-20-09)
Assists: 7 vs. Georgetown (2-1-06)
Steals: 4, three times
 last vs. Montana (3-21-09)
Blocks: 4, twice;
 last at Seton Hall (1-20-09)
FG Made: 13, four times;
 last vs. Montana (3-21-09)
FG Attempted: 27 vs. Montana (3-21-09)
3-pt. FG Made: 5 at Seton Hall (1-20-09)
3-pt. FG Attempted: 9 vs. Penn State (11-24-08)
FT Made: 14 vs. Texas A&M (11-16-08)
FT Attempted: 16 vs. Texas A&M (11-16-08)
Minutes: 44 vs. Marquette (1-9-07)

OPPONENT	MIN	FG-A	PCT.	3P-A	PCT.	FT-A	PCT.	O-D-R	A	TO	B	S	P
Texas A&M	32	3-16	.188	3-7	.429	14-16	.875	1-3-4	0	6	2	2	23
Western Michigan	33	9-20	.450	3-5	.600	2-2	1.000	3-4-7	3	1	1	1	23
Penn State	29	8-21	.381	2-9	.222	5-10	.500	2-2-4	2	6	0	0	23
Elon	37	6-11	.545	3-5	.600	7-8	.875	2-3-5	4	4	1	2	22
Youngstown State	28	7-14	.500	2-4	.500	4-5	.800	0-3-3	4	3	1	1	20
Duquesne	27	5-14	.357	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	1-4-5	3	4	0	0	13
Maryland	32	10-22	.454	4-8	.500	2-2	1.000	0-5-5	2	3	1	1	32
West Virginia State	31	5-18	.278	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	2-4-6	5	3	2	2	10
Wagner	27	11-21	.524	1-3	.333	3-4	.750	4-1-5	1	2	1	1	26
Florida A&M	25	5-10	.500	1-2	.500	10-12	.833	2-5-7	2	4	1	2	21
Florida	38	13-24	.542	3-4	.750	13-14	.929	0-4-4	6	4	0	0	42
Western Kentucky	27	7-21	.333	0-3	.000	3-5	.600	2-4-6	4	1	0	1	17
West Virginia	33	12-20	.600	3-6	.500	7-9	.778	0-5-5	4	2	0	1	34
Providence	37	9-20	.450	0-3	.000	10-12	.833	0-1-1	1	2	0	2	28
DePaul	37	7-19	.368	3-8	.375	9-14	.643	1-5-6	5	4	0	0	26
USF	32	8-21	.381	3-8	.375	8-9	.889	4-3-7	2	2	3	2	27
Seton Hall	31	10-16	.625	5-8	.625	4-4	1.000	3-8-11	5	3	4	2	29
Syracuse	36	3-12	.250	1-4	.250	8-14	.571	3-4-7	6	6	1	2	15
Georgetown	38	6-16	.375	1-8	.125	6-7	.857	2-4-6	3	3	0	0	19
Marquette	35	11-20	.550	3-6	.500	6-7	.857	3-1-4	3	1	0	2	31
Notre Dame	31	10-18	.556	4-5	.800	5-7	.714	2-5-7	3	2	0	0	29
Rutgers	43	5-16	.313	1-6	.167	4-4	1.000	1-4-5	3	3	0	3	15
Connecticut	32	6-16	.375	0-3	.000	4-5	.800	1-4-5	1	3	0	0	16
Villanova	36	8-19	.421	0-1	.000	7-8	.875	2-8-10	5	1	0	0	23
Cincinnati	36	6-22	.273	2-6	.333	2-3	.667	3-3-6	5	5	0	0	16
West Virginia	31	9-21	.429	1-6	.167	6-10	.600	4-2-6	2	1	0	2	25
Louisville	37	4-11	.364	1-4	.250	6-8	.750	2-4-6	2	5	0	1	15
St. John's	34	6-13	.462	1-1	1.000	5-8	.625	0-3-3	2	4	0	0	18
DePaul	35	4-14	.286	0-1	.000	10-13	.769	3-1-4	2	1	2	0	18
Louisville	39	6-17	.353	0-2	.000	12-15	.800	2-2-4	1	5	0	0	24
Montana	34	13-27	.481	1-5	.200	4-4	1.000	3-6-9	2	1	0	4	31
Gonzaga	35	6-21	.286	2-4	.500	10-12	.833	2-5-7	1	2	0	0	24

2008-09 NOTES

- Named to the Big East All-Tournament team and unanimous All-Big East first team member
- Second in the Big East in points per game and is seventh in the country with 22.7 ppg
- Has played in a school-record 132 games in her career
- Named Dapper Dan Sportswoman of the Year and the *New Pittsburgh Courier's* 2009 Feb 40 honoree
- Scored the 2,000th point of her career with 29 points in a win over Notre Dame on Jan. 3, 2009
- Midseason Wooden Award and Naismith Award candidate
- Single-season record holder for points (729), surpassing the 681 recorded in the 1984-85 season
- Scored 31 in Pitt's win over Marquette and in the NCAA First Round against Montana
- Named Big East Player of the Week three times this season (Dec. 8, Dec. 22 and Jan. 26)
- Had the most complete game of her career at Seton Hall with 29 points including a career-high five threes, a career-high 11 rebounds, five assists and a career-high four blocks
- Scored 34 points in Pitt's win over West Virginia, including 28 second-half points and Pitt's first 15 of the second half
- Scored a career-high 42 points at Florida on 13 of 24 shooting from the field
- Scored 26 against Wagner
- Scored 26 points in the win over Maryland
- Scored 24 in Pitt's thrilling win over Gonzaga to advance to the NCAA Sweet 16.
- Named the Pitt Thanksgiving Tournament MVP
- Hit a career-high 14 of 16 from the free throw line against Texas A&M
- Preseason Lindy's Second Team All-America
- Preseason All-Big East team unanimous selection
- Preseason Sporting News and Sports Illustrated Third Team All-America

For more information, check out www.ShavonteZellous1.com

CAREER TOTALS

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2005-06	33-23	876/26.5	91-230	.396	4-22	.182	68-99	.687	70	117	187	5.7	104	5	81	64	26	26	254	7.7
2006-07	33-33	1172/35.5	219-513	.427	11-35	.314	182-235	.774	52	143	195	5.9	92	1	94	82	21	33	631	19.1
2007-08	34-30	1090/32.1	229-528	.434	14-36	.389	147-206	.714	69	113	182	5.4	72	0	66	78	31	30	619	18.2
2008-09	32-32	1068/33.4	238-571	.417	57-156	.365	196-251	.781	60	120	180	5.6	71	0	94	97	20	34	729	22.8
TOTAL	132-118	4206/31.9	777-1842	.422	86-249	.345	593-791	.750	251	493	744	5.6	339	6	335	321	98	123	2233	16.9

BIG EAST CAREER TOTALS

2005-06	16-14	442/27.6	44-112	.393	1-7	.143	22-30	.733	39	64	103	6.4	50	3	37	30	10	14	111	6.9
2006-07	16-16	591/36.9	110-269	.409	4-17	.235	80-108	.741	22	73	95	5.9	42	0	44	46	9	22	304	19.0
2007-08	15-15	521/34.7	102-236	.432	13-28	.464	73-101	.723	30	50	80	5.3	32	0	38	35	15	11	290	19.3
2008-09	16-16	559/34.9	120-280	.429	29-83	.349	97-129	.752	31	64	95	5.9	36	0	52	47	8	17	366	22.9
TOTAL	63-61	2113/33.5	376-897	.419	47-135	.348	272-368	.739	122	251	373	5.9	160	3	171	158	42	64	1071	17.0

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Sophronia

Sallard #2

5-10 • Jr. • Guard/Forward
Syracuse, N.Y.
Nottingham/Kansas

2008-09 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 20 at Rutgers (2-10-09)
Rebounds: 8 vs. Wagner (12-16-08)
Assists: 6 at Western Michigan (11-20-08)
Steals: 3, four times;
 last vs. Gonzaga (3-23-09)
Blocks: 3, twice;
 last vs. DePaul (3-8-09)
FG Made: 9 at Rutgers (2-10-09)
FG Attempted: 15 at Rutgers (2-10-09)
3-pt. FG Made: 1, seven times;
 last vs. Montana (3-21-09)
3-pt. FG Attempted: 3, twice;
 last at FAMU (12-19-08)
FT Made: 4 at FAMU (12-19-08)
FT Attempted: 5, twice;
 last at FAMU (12-19-08)
Minutes: 33, twice;
 last at Rutgers (2-10-09)

CAREER HIGHS

Points: 20 at Rutgers (2-10-09)
Rebounds: 10 vs Seton Hall (2-6-08)
Assists: 6 at Western Michigan (11-20-08)
Steals: 6 at Wagner (12-30-07)
Blocks: 3 vs. WKU (12-30-08)
FG Made: 9 at Rutgers (2-10-09)
FG Attempted: 15 at Rutgers (2-10-09)
3-pt. FG Made: 1, seven times;
 last vs. Montana (3-21-09)
3-pt. FG Attempted: 3, twice;
 last at FAMU (12-19-08)
FT Made: 4 at FAMU (12-19-08)
FT Attempted: 5, twice;
 last at FAMU (12-19-08)
Minutes: 37 vs. Wyoming (3-22-08)

OPPONENT	MIN	FG-A	PCT.	3P-A	PCT.	FT-A	PCT.	O-D-R	A	TO	B	S	P
Texas A&M	5	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Western Michigan	17	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-1-2	6	0	0	2	4
Penn State	21	6-9	.667	0-0	.000	2-5	.400	3-2-5	3	0	0	1	14
Elon	13	0-4	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-4-5	3	1	1	0	0
Youngstown State	23	5-5	1.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1-2-3	3	2	1	2	12
Duquesne	23	2-6	.333	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	2-3-5	5	1	1	3	5
Maryland	17	2-7	.286	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	0-3-3	3	1	0	1	7
West Virginia State	18	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-2-3	2	3	0	0	4
Wagner	23	1-9	.111	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	4-4-8	4	2	2	3	4
Florida A&M	23	3-8	.375	1-3	.333	4-5	.800	1-4-5	1	1	0	2	11
Florida	17	1-2	.500	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	5	2	0	0	3
Western Kentucky	22	4-6	.667	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-3-3	3	0	3	0	8
West Virginia	30	2-10	.200	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0-4-4	1	2	0	1	6
Providence	24	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	4-0-4	1	2	0	3	7
DePaul	33	4-10	.400	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-3-3	1	3	0	0	9
USF	27	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1-0-1	3	1	0	1	8
Seton Hall	32	5-8	.625	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	1-0-1	4	0	0	0	12
Syracuse	20	3-7	.429	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	1-0-1	3	2	0	2	7
Georgetown	15	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-0-2	1	3	0	0	0
Marquette	23	2-6	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-4-5	2	2	2	0	4
Notre Dame	25	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	2	1	0	0	2
Rutgers	33	9-15	.600	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	1-0-1	3	1	0	1	20
Connecticut	22	2-9	.222	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1-0-1	4	2	0	1	4
Villanova	31	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-3-4	2	2	0	0	6
Cincinnati	25	4-10	.400	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	3-3-6	3	0	0	1	8
West Virginia	29	2-5	.400	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2-1-3	3	0	0	2	4
Louisville	37	6-9	.667	1-1	1.000	0-1	.000	1-0-1	5	6	0	0	13
St. John's	27	5-5	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	3	4	0	1	10
DePaul	37	6-13	.462	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-3-6	1	5	3	0	12
Louisville	29	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-5-5	2	4	0	1	2
Montana	29	2-5	.400	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-3-3	1	1	0	0	5
Gonzaga	28	2-8	.250	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	4	3	0	3	4

2008-09 NOTES

- Tied a season-high three steals in the win over Gonzaga during the second round of the NCAA's
- In the win over St. John's was a perfect 5-for-5 from the field for 10 points
- Was a bright spot for Pitt in loss at Louisville with 13 points and five assists
- Scored a career-high 20 points in Pitt's overtime win at Rutgers, shooting .600 from the field
- Was able to play in her hometown of Syracuse and contribute in the 77-75 win with seven points
- Earned her way into the starting lineup against DePaul
- Scored 11 and added five rebounds in the win at Florida A&M
- Was a perfect 5 of 5 from the field against Youngstown State for 12 points on the day
- Had a season-high 14 points in the win over Penn State
- Has come off the bench to contribute valuable minutes, including 17 at Western Michigan

CAREER TOTALS

YEAR	G-GS	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	REB-AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	ST	MIN-AVG	PTS-AVG
2005-06*	15-1	13-38	.342	0-0	.000	1-5	.200	20-1.3	14-0	14	12	1	3	127-8.5	27-1.8
2007-08	32-8	42-111	.378	1-5	.200	7-10	.700	80-2.5	44-0	30	32	9	25	508-18.1	106-3.8
2008-09	32-18	93-210	.443	7-26	.269	22-29	.759	96-3.0	52-0	87	58	13	31	778-24.3	215-6.7
TOTALS	79-27	148-359	.411	7-31	.226	30-44	.682	196-2.5	110-0	131	102	23	59	1413-17.9	348-4.4

* at Kansas

BIG EAST CAREER TOTALS

2007-08	15-3	172/11.5	14-45	.311	0-2	.000	4-6	.667	15	20	35	2.3	18	0	12	18	5	10	32	2.1
2008-09	16-14	433/27.1	54-116	.466	2-12	.167	10-13	.769	19	19	38	2.4	28	0	41	31	2	13	120	7.5
TOTAL	31-17	605/19.5	68-161	.422	2-14	.143	14-19	.737	34	39	73	2.4	46	0	53	49	7	23	152	4.9

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Taneisha Harrison

#10

6-0 • So. • Guard

Bowie, Md.

St. John's College High

2008-09 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 17, twice;
last vs. Notre Dame (2-3-09)
Rebounds: 7 vs. Youngstown State (11-29-08)
Assists: 12 vs. Maryland (12-7-08)
Steals: 3, three times;
last at Duquesne (12-3-08)
Blocks: 2, twice;
last at Seton Hall (1-20-09)
FG Made: 7 vs. Marquette (1-30-09)
FG Attempted: 15 vs. USF (1-17-09)
3-pt. FG Made: 3, three times;
last WKU (12-30-08)
3-pt. FG Attempted: 6 vs. USF (1-17-09)
FT Made: 6 vs. Wagner (12-16-08)
FT Attempted: 10 vs. Wagner (12-16-08)
Minutes: 38 vs. Texas A&M (11-16-08)

CAREER HIGHS

Points: 23 at Wagner (12-30-07)
Rebounds: 8 at Notre Dame (2-10-08)
Assists: 12 vs. Maryland (12-7-08)
Steals: 3, five times;
last vs. Youngstown State (11-29-08)
Blocks: 2, twice;
last at Seton Hall (1-20-09)
FG Made: 9 at Wagner (12-30-07)
FG Attempted: 15 vs. USF (1-17-09)
3-pt. FG Made: 3, three times;
last vs. WKU (12-30-08)
3-pt. FG Attempted: 6 vs. USF (1-17-09)
FT Made: 6 vs. Wagner (12-16-08)
FT Attempted: 10 vs. Wagner (12-16-08)
Minutes: 38 vs. Texas A&M (11-16-08)

OPPONENT	MIN	FG-A	PCT.	3P-A	PCT.	FT-A	PCT.	O-D-R	A	TO	B	S	P
Texas A&M	38	4-13	.308	1-4	.250	3-8	.375	1-4-5	1	7	0	2	12
Western Michigan	31	5-9	.556	1-1	1.000	1-2	.500	2-2-4	5	1	0	3	12
Penn State	31	3-9	.333	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	1-2-3	5	0	0	0	8
Elon	28	4-11	.364	3-5	.600	2-2	1.000	2-3-5	4	1	0	0	13
Youngstown State	29	6-8	.750	3-4	.750	1-1	1.000	0-7-7	5	2	0	3	16
Duquesne	34	5-13	.385	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	2-2-4	2	2	0	3	10
Maryland	39	2-6	.333	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	1-3-4	12	2	1	1	6
West Virginia State	28	6-9	.667	2-2	1.000	1-2	.500	1-4-5	3	1	0	2	15
Wagner	29	5-11	.455	1-3	.333	6-10	.600	1-2-3	1	3	0	0	17
Florida A&M	26	3-11	.273	0-3	.000	2-4	.500	1-1-2	3	0	0	1	8
Florida	35	3-10	.300	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	2-3-5	3	1	0	0	7
Western Kentucky	25	5-9	.556	3-3	1.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	2	4	0	0	13
West Virginia	22	2-5	.400	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	3-0-3	1	7	2	0	5
Providence	14	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	3-2-5	2	1	0	1	0
DePaul	22	3-8	.375	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	1-0-1	1	1	0	0	9
USF	30	4-15	.267	1-6	.167	4-4	1.000	3-2-5	0	2	0	1	13
Seton Hall	17	3-8	.375	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	0-0-0	1	2	2	0	9
Syracuse	28	4-10	.400	1-3	.333	4-4	1.000	3-3-6	3	4	0	0	13
Georgetown	30	1-10	.100	0-2	.000	2-4	.500	1-1-2	1	2	1	2	4
Marquette	22	7-11	.636	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1-3-4	1	2	1	0	15
Notre Dame	25	6-13	.462	0-1	.000	5-5	1.000	2-1-3	3	4	0	1	17
Rutgers	29	5-12	.417	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	1-2-3	2	1	1	0	12
Connecticut	27	0-11	.000	0-7	.000	2-2	1.000	3-0-3	3	4	0	0	2
Villanova	20	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	1	1	0	0	2
Cincinnati	20	2-4	.500	2-4	.500	2-2	1.000	1-1-2	1	1	0	0	8
West Virginia	25	2-9	.222	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	2-4-6	1	0	0	0	6
Louisville	13	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	1	2	0	0	0
St. John's	15	4-8	.500	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1-1-2	5	0	0	1	8
DePaul	9	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	1-1	1.000	0-2-2	2	1	0	0	3
Louisville	14	1-8	.125	1-7	.143	0-0	.000	1-1-2	2	1	0	1	3
Montana	24	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0-1-1	2	1	0	1	4
Gonzaga	18	2-7	.286	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	1-2-3	1	3	0	1	6

2008-09 NOTES

- Came off the bench to score 17 points in the win over Notre Dame
- Hit 7 of 11 against Marquette for 15 points in the win
- Scored 13 points and added six rebounds and three assists off the bench at Syracuse
- Contributed 13 off the bench in Pitt's win over USF
- Scored 15 points in Pitt's win over West Virginia State
- Had an exceptional game vs. Maryland adding a career-high 12 assists
- Scored a season-high 16 points in Pitt's win over Youngstown State
- Played 38 minutes off the bench in Pitt's opener against No. 10 Texas A&M
- Has scored in double figures in 12 games this season

CAREER TOTALS

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2007-08	35-4	691/19.7	84-220	.382	14-64	.219	30-46	.652	26	60	86	2.5	72	2	55	58	6	38	212	6.1
2008-09	32-13	797/24.9	100-275	.364	29-91	.319	47-66	.712	41	61	102	3.2	57	0	80	64	8	24	276	8.6
TOTAL	67-17	1488/22.2	184-495	.372	43-155	.277	77-112	.688	67	121	188	2.8	129	2	135	122	14	62	488	7.3

BIG EAST CAREER TOTALS

2007-08	16-1	314/19.6	37-93	.398	8-27	.296	12-20	.600	15	23	38	2.4	29	0	31	34	4	17	94	5.9
2008-09	16-2	359/22.4	44-133	.331	11-43	.256	24-28	.857	25	21	46	2.9	23	0	27	34	7	6	123	7.7
TOTAL	32-3	673/21.0	81-226	.358	19-70	.271	36-48	.750	40	44	84	2.6	52	0	58	68	11	23	217	6.8

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Janna Sims

#14

5-7 • Jr. • Guard
Newark, N.J.
Shabazz HS

2008-09 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 2 vs. Texas A&M (11-16-08)
Rebounds: N/A
Assists: 1 vs. Texas A&M (11-16-08)
Steals: N/A
Blocks: N/A
FG Made: N/A
FG Attempted: 3 vs. Texas A&M (11-16-08)
3-pt. FG Made: N/A
3-pt. FG Attempted: N/A
FT Made: 2 vs. Texas A&M (11-16-08)
FT Attempted: 2 vs. Texas A&M (11-16-08)
Minutes: 5 vs. Texas A&M (11-16-08)

CAREER HIGHS

Points: 17 twice
last vs. Cal Poly (12-18-07)
Rebounds: 12 vs. DePaul (2-24-07)
Assists: 11 vs. Cincinnati (3-4-07)
Steals: 5 at Maryland (11-27-07)
Blocks: 2 twice;
last vs. WVU (2-20-07)
FG Made: 7, three times
last vs. Cal Poly (12-18-07)
FG Attempted: 14, twice
last at Maryland (11-27-07)
3-pt. FG Made: 2 twice
last vs. Cal Poly (12-18-07)
3-pt. FG Attempted: 4 vs. RMU (12-5-06)
FT Made: 8 vs. Robert Morris (12-5-06)
FT Attempted: 8 twice;
last vs. James Madison (3-18-07)
Minutes: 42 vs. Marquette (1-9-07)

CAREER TOTALS

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2006-07	33-29	1022/31.0	64-212	.302	13-49	.265	52-78	.667	26	111	137	4.2	71	1	152	86	12	19	193	5.8
2007-08	14-13	385/27.5	50-111	.450	7-16	.438	28-36	.778	7	34	41	2.9	31	1	48	39	2	28	135	9.6
2008-09	1-1	5/5.0	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2.0
TOTAL	48-43	1412/29.4	114-326	.350	20-65	.308	82-116	.707	33	145	178	3.7	102	2	201	125	14	47	330	6.9

BIG EAST CAREER TOTALS

2006-07	16-12	463/28.9	26-79	.329	6-20	.300	17-27	.630	10	61	71	4.4	35	1	67	36	5	9	75	4.7
2007-08	1-1	30/30.0	5-8	.625	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	4	5	5.0	2	0	5	3	1	2	11	11.0
TOTAL	17-13	493/29.0	31-87	.356	6-20	.300	18-29	.621	11	65	76	4.5	37	1	72	39	6	11	86	5.1

To be continued...

OPPONENT	MIN	FG-A	PCT.	3P-A	PCT.	FT-A	PCT.	O-D-R	A	TO	B	S	P
Texas A&M	5	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	2
Western Michigan						--DNP-inj---							
Penn State						--DNP-inj---							
Elon						--DNP-inj---							
Youngstown State						--DNP-inj---							
Duquesne						--DNP-inj---							
Maryland						--DNP-inj---							
West Virginia State						--DNP-inj---							
Wagner						--DNP-inj---							
Florida A&M						--DNP-inj---							
Florida						--DNP-inj---							
Western Kentucky						--DNP-inj---							
West Virginia						--DNP-inj---							
Providence						--DNP-inj---							
DePaul						--DNP-inj---							
USF						--DNP-inj---							
Seton Hall						--DNP-inj---							
Syracuse						--DNP-inj---							
Georgetown						--DNP-inj---							
Marquette						--DNP-inj---							
Notre Dame						--DNP-inj---							
Rutgers						--DNP-inj---							
Connecticut						--DNP-inj---							
Villanova						--DNP-inj---							
Cincinnati						--DNP-inj---							
West Virginia						--DNP-inj---							
Louisville						--DNP-inj---							
St. John's						--DNP-inj---							
DePaul						--DNP-inj---							
Louisville						--DNP-inj---							
Montana						--DNP-inj---							
Gonzaga						--DNP-inj---							

2008-09 NOTES

- Will apply for a medical redshirt after suffering bilateral tibial stress fractures
- Suffered a leg injury five minutes into the Texas A&M contest and has not returned to action



Chelsea Cole

#22

6-3 • So. • Forward
Lumberton, N.J.
Rancocas Valley

2008-09 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 11 vs. WVSU (12-13-08)
Rebounds: 12 vs. USF (1-17-09)
Assists: 2, twice;
last vs. USF (1-17-09)
Steals: 4 vs. Cincinnati (2-21-09)
Blocks: 5, twice;
last Gonzaga (3-23-09)
FG Made: 5 vs. WVSU (12-13-08)
FG Attempted: 9 vs. WVSU (12-13-08)
3-pt. FG Made: N/A
3-pt. FG Attempted: N/A
FT Made: 2, six times;
last at Louisville (2-28-09)
FT Attempted: 4 vs. WKU (12-30-08)
Minutes: 30 at Providence (1-7-09)

CAREER HIGHS

Points: 17 vs. Seton Hall (2-6-08)
Rebounds: 12 vs. USF (1-17-09)
Assists: 4 at Marquette (2-23-08)
Steals: 4 vs. Cincinnati (2-21-09)
Blocks: 5, three times;
last vs. Gonzaga (3-23-09)
FG Made: 8 vs. Seton Hall (2-6-08)
FG Attempted: 9, four times
last vs. WVSU (12-13-08)
3-pt. FG Made: N/A
3-pt. FG Attempted: N/A
FT Made: 5 vs. Syracuse (1-9-08)
FT Attempted: 6 vs. Arizona (11-10-07)
Minutes: 30 at Providence (1-7-09)

OPPONENT	MIN	FG-A	PCT.	3P-A	PCT.	FT-A	PCT.	O-D-R	A	TO	B	S	P
Texas A&M	15	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-1-2	0	1	1	1	0
Western Michigan	11	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	3-2-5	1	0	1	0	5
Penn State	8	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	0	1	0	0	2
Elon	14	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2-4	1	1	0	0	4
Youngstown State	12	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	1-2-3	0	2	1	0	6
Duquesne	4	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Maryland	10	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-1-3	0	0	0	0	2
West Virginia State	15	5-9	.556	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1-4-5	2	1	1	0	11
Wagner	14	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4-5-9	1	0	1	0	6
Florida A&M	6	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Florida							---DNP---						
Western Kentucky	20	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	2-4-6	1	1	1	2	5
West Virginia	15	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-4-7	1	2	1	0	0
Providence	30	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	2-6-8	1	2	3	3	4
DePaul	20	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2-6-8	0	2	0	0	2
USF	27	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	5-7-12	2	1	2	0	4
Seton Hall	27	2-7	.286	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-3-6	1	2	2	1	4
Syracuse	25	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	7-4-11	0	2	5	1	9
Georgetown	22	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	4-6-10	0	2	1	0	4
Marquette	10	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	1	2	1	0	2
Notre Dame	5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	1	1	0	0
Rutgers	22	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-5-6	0	2	0	1	0
Connecticut	14	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	2-2-4	0	2	0	2	2
Villanova	24	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	2-5-7	0	1	0	0	5
Cincinnati	22	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	3-5-8	0	2	2	4	6
West Virginia	15	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	3-4-7	0	1	1	2	5
Louisville	18	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0-5-5	0	0	1	0	8
St. John's	16	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4-3-7	0	2	1	0	6
DePaul	24	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1-6-7	0	3	1	1	5
Louisville	10	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Montana	21	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-4-5	1	1	0	1	4
Gonzaga	28	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-4-6	0	0	5	1	2

2008-09 NOTES

- Had possibly the most impressive game of her career in the win over Cincinnati with eight rebounds, six points, four steals and two blocks
- Had an outstanding game off the bench in the win over Syracuse with 11 rebounds, nine points and five blocked shots
- Tied a career high with five blocks in the Gonzaga win
- Grabbed a career-high 12 rebounds off the bench in Pitt's 32-point win over USF
- Came in off the bench for a solid outing for the Panthers at Providence with eight rebounds, three steals and three blocks
- Had a season-high nine rebounds in the win over Wagner
- Scored a season-high 11 points in Pitt's win over West Virginia State
- Came off the bench in the first three games to play at both the 4 and 5 spots

CAREER TOTALS

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2007-08	35-5	564/16.1	59-133	.444	0-0	.000	40-60	.667	71	104	175	5.0	69	0	17	28	38	21	158	4.5
2008-09	31-0	524/16.9	47-106	.443	0-0	.000	19-32	.594	62	106	168	5.4	44	0	13	37	33	20	113	3.6
TOTAL	66-5	1088/16.5	106-239	.444	0-0	.000	59-92	.641	133	210	343	5.2	113	0	30	65	71	41	271	4.1

BIG EAST CAREER TOTALS

2007-08	16-5	285/17.8	37-70	.529	0-0	.000	20-30	.667	36	47	83	5.2	38	0	10	13	21	7	94	5.9
2008-09	16-0	312/19.5	24-54	.444	0-0	.000	13-19	.684	41	67	108	6.8	27	0	6	26	21	14	61	3.8
TOTAL	32-5	597/18.7	61-124	.492	0-0	.000	33-49	.673	77	114	191	6.0	65	0	16	39	42	21	155	4.8

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Sarah Okoke #24
 5-8 • Fr. • Guard
 Sugar Land, Texas
 Dulles HS

2008-09 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 8 vs. Wagner (12-16-08)
Rebounds: 2 vs. Youngstown State (11-29-08)
Assists: 3 vs. Wagner (12-16-08)
Steals: 1, four times;
 last at Cincinnati (2-21-09)
Blocks: 1 at Providence (1-7-09)
FG Made: 3 vs. Youngstown State (11-29-08)
FG Attempted: 5 at Western Michigan (11-20-08)
3-pt. FG Made: 2 vs. Wagner (12-16-08)
3-pt. FG Attempted: 4 at Providence (1-7-09)
FT Made: 2, twice;
 last at Louisville (2-28-09)
FT Attempted: 2, four times;
 last at Louisville (2-28-09)
Minutes: 14, twice;
 last vs. Wagner (12-16-08)

CAREER HIGHS

Points: 8 vs. Wagner (12-16-08)
Rebounds: 2 vs. Youngstown State (11-29-08)
Assists: 3 vs. Wagner (12-16-08)
Steals: 1, four times;
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FG Made: 3 vs. Youngstown State (11-29-08)
FG Attempted: 5 at Western Michigan (11-20-08)
3-pt. FG Made: 2 vs. Wagner (12-16-08)
3-pt. FG Attempted: 4 at Providence (1-7-09)
FT Made: 2, twice;
 last at Louisville (2-28-09)
FT Attempted: 2, four times;
 last at Louisville (2-28-09)
Minutes: 14, twice;
 last vs. Wagner (12-16-08)

OPPONENT	MIN	FG-A	PCT.	3P-A	PCT.	FT-A	PCT.	O-D-R	A	TO	B	S	P
Texas A&M	5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Michigan	14	1-5	.200	1-2	.5000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	3
Penn State	4	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Elon	7	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	1	1	0	0	0
Youngstown State	12	3-3	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-1-2	1	0	0	0	6
Duquesne							---	DNP---					
Maryland	2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
West Virginia State	9	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-3-3	1	1	0	0	0
Wagner	14	2-4	.500	2-2	1.000	2-2	1.000	1-0-1	3	0	0	1	8
Florida A&M	7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-1-2	1	1	0	0	0
Florida	0+	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Kentucky	4	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0-0-0	0	0	0	1	3
West Virginia							---	DNP---					
Providence	12	0-4	.000	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	0	0	1	0	0
DePaul	3	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	1	0	0	0
USF							---	DNP---					
Seton Hall	8	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	2	0	0	2
Syracuse							---	DNP---					
Georgetown							---	DNP---					
Marquette	3	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	2
Notre Dame	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Rutgers							---	DNP---					
Connecticut	5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	1	0	1	0
Villanova	1	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	1	0	0	2
Cincinnati	2	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	1	0
West Virginia							---	DNP---					
Louisville	3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	2
St. John's	8	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
DePaul							---	DNP---					
Louisville							---	DNP---					
Montana	4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	1	0	0	0	0
Gonzaga							---	DNP----					

2008-09 NOTES

- Was 2 of 2 from three-point range against Wagner to score eight in the win
- Scored six points on 3 of 3 shooting against Youngstown State
- Played in her first collegiate game against Texas A&M
- Picked up substantial minutes in Pitt's win over Western Michigan

CAREER TOTALS

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2008-09	22-0	128/5.8	10-30	.333	3-9	.333	5-9	.556	3	7	10	0.5	9	0	9	8	1	4	28	1.3
TOTAL	22-0	128/5.8	10-30	.333	3-9	.333	5-9	.556	3	7	10	0.5	9	0	9	8	1	4	28	1.3

BIG EAST CAREER TOTALS

2008-09	10-0	46/4.6	3-12	.250	0-4	.000	2-5	.400	0	1	1	0.1	2	0	1	5	1	2	8	0.8
TOTAL	10-0	46/4.6	3-12	.250	0-4	.000	2-5	.400	0	1	1	0.1	2	0	1	5	1	2	8	0.8

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Shayla Scott

#25

6-1 • So. • Guard
Monroeville, Pa.
Gateway

2008-09 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 14 vs. WVU (12-13-08)
Rebounds: 18 vs. Notre Dame (2-3-09)
Assists: 4, twice;
 last vs. Maryland (12-7-08)
Steals: 3 vs. DePaul (3-8-09)
Blocks: 3, three times;
 last vs. WKU (12-30-08)
FG Made: 6 at Syracuse (1-24-09)
FG Attempted: 14 at Rutgers (2-10-09)
3-pt. FG Made: 3, three times;
 last vs. Louisville (3-9-09)
3-pt. FG Attempted: 7, twice;
 last vs. Louisville (3-9-09)
FT Made: 7 vs. Wagner (12-16-08)
FT Attempted: 8 vs. Wagner (12-16-08)
Minutes: 40 at Rutgers (2-10-09)

CAREER HIGHS

Points: 14 vs. WVU (12-13-08)
Rebounds: 18 vs. Notre Dame (2-3-09)
Assists: 4, twice;
 last vs. Maryland (12-7-08)
Assists: 4, twice;
 last vs. Maryland (12-7-08)
Steals: 3, twice;
 last vs. DePaul (3-8-09)
Blocks: 4 vs. Syracuse (1-9-08)
FG Made: 6 at Syracuse (1-24-09)
FG Attempted: 14 at Rutgers (2-10-09)
3-pt. FG Made: 3, three times
 last vs. Louisville (3-9-09)
3-pt. FG Attempted: 7, twice;
 last vs. Louisville (3-9-09)
FT Made: 7 vs. Wagner (12-16-08)
FT Attempted: 8 vs. Wagner (12-16-08)
Minutes: 40 at Rutgers (2-10-09)

OPPONENT	MIN	FG-A	PCT.	3P-A	PCT.	FT-A	PCT.	O-D-R	A	TO	B	S	P
Texas A&M	19	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	0	3	0	0	0
Western Michigan	26	5-8	.625	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	3-3-6	2	0	2	2	10
Penn State	21	3-6	.500	2-4	.500	2-2	1.000	3-7-10	3	1	0	0	10
Elon	21	3-6	.500	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1-5-6	4	2	3	2	6
Youngstown State	25	4-5	.800	0-1	.000	5-6	.833	5-0-5	2	1	3	1	13
Duquesne	32	2-9	.222	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	2-3-5	3	3	1	0	6
Maryland	37	5-9	.556	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	3-3-6	4	2	0	2	13
West Virginia State	25	5-11	.455	0-1	.000	4-6	.667	8-6-14	3	1	2	0	14
Wagner	24	2-8	.250	1-3	.333	7-8	.875	3-5-8	2	2	2	1	12
Florida A&M	35	3-6	.500	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	2-7-9	3	4	1	2	9
Florida	37	3-11	.273	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	1-5-6	2	1	0	0	8
Western Kentucky	29	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	3-3	1.000	4-5-9	3	1	3	0	5
West Virginia	32	2-6	.333	1-1	1.000	3-4	.750	4-1-5	1	0	0	0	8
Providence	23	1-9	.111	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	2-0-2	0	1	0	0	2
DePaul	30	2-8	.250	0-2	.000	1-4	.250	1-1-2	5	0	2	2	5
USF	20	3-7	.429	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	3-4-7	1	3	0	1	9
Seton Hall	26	5-10	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2-5-7	1	0	1	0	10
Syracuse	37	6-13	.462	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	2-5-7	2	0	2	2	13
Georgetown	37	4-9	.444	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	6-5-11	0	2	2	0	10
Marquette	32	4-8	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-2-4	2	0	2	2	9
Notre Dame	35	5-13	.385	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	5-13-18	3	3	1	0	11
Rutgers	40	5-14	.357	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	3-9-12	3	1	0	1	12
Connecticut	21	3-11	.273	2-7	.286	0-0	.000	1-5-6	0	1	0	0	8
Villanova	25	3-8	.375	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	1-1-2	0	0	0	0	9
Cincinnati	32	2-11	.182	1-4	.250	5-5	1.000	3-2-5	0	1	0	0	10
West Virginia	26	3-10	.300	2-5	.400	4-4	1.000	0-4-4	0	0	0	1	12
Louisville	31	1-6	.167	1-4	.250	1-2	.500	2-4-6	0	4	1	0	4
St. John's	20	3-7	.429	2-4	.500	1-1	1.000	2-3-5	3	1	0	0	9
DePaul	37	3-9	.333	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	5-7-12	1	1	0	3	7
Louisville	39	4-11	.364	3-7	.429	0-2	.000	0-3-3	2	1	0	1	11
Montana	28	4-6	.667	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	0-5-5	1	1	0	1	11
Gonzaga	37	2-9	.222	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	2-6-8	3	4	0	2	7

2007-08 NOTES

- Earned a starting position this season
- Scored in double figures with 11 points against Montana in the NCAA First Round game
- Had her fifth double-double of the season with 12 points and 12 rebounds in the win over Rutgers
- Hit two key three-pointers in overtime to seal the Rutgers win on the road
- Grabbed a career-high 18 rebounds and added 11 points in the win over Notre Dame
- Pulled in her third double-double of the season at Georgetown with 10 points and 11 rebounds
- Was very instrumental in Pitt's 77-75 win at Syracuse with 13 points and seven rebounds
- Hit two three-pointers in the first 2:30 against USF and finished with nine points in the win
- Had a career day against West Virginia State with 14 points and 14 rebounds in the win
- Scored a then-career-high 13 points in Pitt's win over Youngstown State
- Followed up her WMU performance with 10 points and 10 rebounds in the win over Penn State
- Had one of the best games of her career at Western Michigan with 10 points, six rebounds, two blocks, two steals and two assists

CAREER TOTALS

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fga	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2007-08	28-11	508/18.1	42-112	.375	5-18	.278	17-28	.607	27	79	106	3.8	75	2	21	25	24	13	106	3.8
2008-09	32-32	939/29.3	101-268	.377	35-100	.350	46-60	.767	81	136	217	6.8	71	1	59	45	28	26	283	8.8
TOTAL	60-43	1447/24.1	143-380	.376	40-118	.339	63-88	.716	108	215	323	5.4	146	3	80	70	52	39	389	6.5

BIG EAST CAREER TOTALS

2007-08	14-2	223/15.9	18-54	.333	1-7	.143	7-11	.636	8	36	44	3.1	36	0	12	8	13	3	44	3.1
2008-09	16-16	467/29.2	52-150	.347	20-56	.357	17-22	.773	39	64	103	6.4	38	1	21	17	11	9	141	8.8
TOTAL	30-18	690/23.0	70-204	.343	21-63	.333	24-33	.727	47	100	147	4.9	74	1	33	25	24	12	185	6.2

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Selena Nwude

#32

6-5 • So. • Center
Riverdale, Md.
Eleanor Roosevelt

2008-09 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 8 vs. WKU (12-30-08)
Rebounds: 4 at Connecticut (2-15-09)
Assists: 1, twice;
 last at Connecticut (2-15-09)
Steals: 1 at Seton Hall (1-20-09)
Blocks: 1, four times;
 last at Connecticut (2-15-09)
FG Made: 4 vs. WKU (12-30-08)
FG Attempted: 5 vs. WKU (12-30-08)
3-pt. FG Made: N/A
3-pt. FG Attempted: N/A
FT Made: 2 at WVU (2-24-09)
FT Attempted: 2, twice;
 last at WVU (2-24-09)
Minutes: 16 vs. USF (1-17-09)

CAREER HIGHS

Points: 14 at UConn (2-17-07)
Rebounds: 10 vs. USF (1-20-07)
Assists: 1 vs. East Carolina (12-19-06)
Steals: 1, twice;
 last at Seton Hall (1-20-09)
Blocks: 2 twice;
 last at UConn (2-13-07)
FG Made: 5 at UConn (2-13-07)
FG Attempted: 10 at UConn (2-13-07)
3-pt. FG Made: N/A
3-pt. FG Attempted: N/A
FT Made: 4 at UConn (2-13-07)
FT Attempted: 10 at UConn (2-13-07)
Minutes: 21 at UConn (2-17-07)

OPPONENT	MIN	FG-A	PCT.	3P-A	PCT.	FT-A	PCT.	O-D-R	A	TO	B	S	P
Texas A&M						---	DNP-inj---						
Western Michigan						---	DNP-inj---						
Penn State						---	DNP-inj---						
Elon						---	DNP-inj---						
Youngstown State						---	DNP-inj---						
Duquesne						---	DNP-inj---						
Maryland						---	DNP-inj---						
West Virginia State						---	DNP-inj---						
Wagner						---	DNP-inj---						
Florida A&M						---	DNP-inj---						
Florida						---	DNP-inj---						
Western Kentucky	9	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-0-3	0	0	1	0	8
West Virginia	4	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Providence	2	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
DePaul	2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
USF	16	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0-1-1	0	0	1	0	3
Seton Hall	11	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2-3	0	1	1	1	0
Syracuse						---	DNP---						
Georgetown						---	DNP---						
Marquette	3	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-1-3	0	0	1	0	2
Notre Dame						---	DNP---						
Rutgers	10	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	1	0	0	0	0
Connecticut	15	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-3-4	1	1	1	0	2
Villanova	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati	4	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	2
West Virginia	7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0-1-1	0	0	2	0	2
Louisville	8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	0	0	1	0	2
St. John's	3	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	1-0-1	0	0	0	0	0
DePaul						---	DNP---						
Louisville						---	DNP---						
Montana	5	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Gonzaga						---	DNP----						

2008-09 NOTES

- Has increased her productivity in the post as the season has gone on. Offers a valuable presence in the paint in relief of Pepper Wilson
- Returned to the lineup against Western Kentucky after more than a year and a half away from the game due to two ACL tears

CAREER TOTALS

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2006-07	27-0	244/9.0	31-73	.425	0-0	.000	22-35	.629	25	55	80	3.0	49	1	1	18	14	1	84	3.1
2008-09	15-0	100/6.7	10-20	.500	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	8	12	20	1.3	13	0	2	3	7	2	23	1.5

BIG EAST CAREER TOTALS

2006-07	16-0	151/9.4	21-48	.438	0-0	.000	12-20	.600	15	35	50	3.1	22	0	0	5	9	0	54	3.4
2008-09	13-0	86/6.6	5-13	.385	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	5	12	17	1.3	12	0	2	3	6	2	13	1.0
TOTAL	29-0	237/8.2	26-61	.426	0-0	.000	15-26	.577	20	47	67	2.3	34	0	2	8	15	2	67	2.3

To be continued...



Xenia Stewart

#33

6-0 • Sr. • Guard
Bowie, Md.
Riverdale Baptist

2008-09 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 27 at FAMU (12-19-08)
Rebounds: 8, twice;
 last at Providence (1-7-09)
Assists: 9 vs. USF (1-17-09)
Steals: 6 at Providence (1-7-09)
Blocks: 1, seven times;
 last vs. Gonzaga (3-23-09)
FG Made: 9 at FAMU (12-19-08)
FG Attempted: 17 at FAMU (12-19-08)
3-pt. FG Made: 3, three times;
 last vs. Cincinnati (2-21-09)
3-pt. FG Attempted: 5, twice;
 last vs. Cincinnati (2-21-09)
FT Made: 8 at Providence (1-7-09)
FT Attempted: 10 at Providence (1-7-09)
Minutes: 40- vs. Gonzaga (3-23-09)

CAREER HIGHS

Points: 27 at FAMU (12-19-08)
Rebounds: 12 vs. Louisville (2-8-06)
Assists: 9, twice;
 last vs. USF (1-17-09)
Steals: 6 at Providence (1-7-09)
Blocks: 3, twice
 last vs. Marquette (1-9-07)
FG Made: 9, twice;
 last at FAMU (12-19-08)
FG Attempted: 20 vs. Louisville (2-8-06)
3-pt. FG Made: 3, four times;
 last vs. Cincinnati (2-21-09)
3-pt. FG Attempted: 5, twice;
 last vs. Cincinnati (2-21-09)
FT Made: 10 at Seton Hall (1-27-07)
FT Attempted: 13 at Seton Hall (1-27-07)
Minutes: 43 vs. Marquette (1-9-07)

OPPONENT	MIN	FG-A	PCT.	3P-A	PCT.	FT-A	PCT.	O-D-R	A	TO	B	S	P
Texas A&M	36	2-6	.333	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	3-3-6	1	1	0	0	5
Western Michigan	26	4-11	.364	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1-2-3	5	1	0	2	8
Penn State	36	5-11	.454	2-4	.500	5-5	1.000	2-2-4	6	1	0	2	17
Elon	35	6-11	.545	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	2-3-5	3	4	0	3	14
Youngstown State	29	4-8	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1-2-3	6	3	0	3	9
Duquesne	35	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	3-1-4	3	2	0	0	9
Maryland	29	8-11	.727	3-3	1.000	3-4	.750	2-2-4	0	0	0	1	22
West Virginia State	28	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	5-2-7	2	2	0	1	6
Wagner	25	4-10	.400	2-3	.667	2-2	1.000	2-4-6	6	2	0	1	12
Florida A&M	34	9-17	.529	3-4	.750	6-7	.167	1-3-4	0	3	0	4	27
Florida	30	7-9	.778	1-1	1.000	0-2	.000	4-4-8	0	3	0	0	15
Western Kentucky	32	8-15	.533	0-3	.000	1-1	1.000	4-2-6	4	1	0	2	17
West Virginia	34	3-7	.429	1-1	1.000	5-7	.714	2-0-2	2	2	0	2	12
Providence	39	5-13	.385	0-1	.000	8-10	.800	6-2-8	1	2	1	6	18
DePaul	26	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	4-3-7	2	1	0	0	4
USF	27	1-7	.143	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-3-3	9	0	0	2	3
Seton Hall	30	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0-3-3	4	3	0	3	8
Syracuse	34	4-10	.400	1-5	.200	2-2	1.000	0-2-2	4	2	0	1	11
Georgetown	38	5-14	.357	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1-4-5	2	4	0	2	11
Marquette	36	2-10	.200	1-3	.333	1-3	.333	1-1-2	3	3	1	1	6
Notre Dame	37	5-10	.500	2-3	.667	5-6	.833	4-0-4	7	2	1	0	17
Rutgers	30	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	3	2	0	0	2
Connecticut	33	4-10	.400	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-1-3	0	2	0	1	8
Villanova	31	2-6	.333	1-2	.500	6-6	1.000	0-1-1	2	0	0	0	11
Cincinnati	36	6-10	.600	3-5	.600	1-2	.500	1-0-1	3	0	1	1	16
West Virginia	35	3-11	.273	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0-1-1	1	2	0	2	8
Louisville	26	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	2-1-3	2	5	0	2	5
St. John's	36	4-9	.444	1-2	.500	3-4	.750	2-3-5	4	0	1	0	12
DePaul	35	5-11	.455	1-3	.333	3-4	.750	2-3-5	0	1	1	3	14
Louisville	38	1-6	.167	1-3	.333	4-4	1.000	2-1-3	5	4	0	4	7
Montana	30	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	4-2-6	4	0	0	1	3
Gonzaga	40-	3-5	.600	2-2	1.000	4-4	1.000	0-2-2	3	2	1	1	12

2008-09 NOTES

- Named to the All-Big East second team
- Has moved to the point guard position with the injury to Jania Sims
- Has started in a school-record 126 career games
- Scored 17 points in Pitt's win over Notre Dame, hitting 5 of 10 from the field
- Made two free throws in the final minutes to give Pitt its eventual lead in the win over Gonzaga
- Hit the game-winning shot in Pitt's 77-75 win over Syracuse
- Dished out nine assists and had zero turnovers in Pitt's win over USF
- Scored 18 at Providence to move into 10th in all-time scoring at Pitt. Also had a career-high six steals in the loss
- Scored a career-high 27 points and added four steals in the win at Florida A&M
- Scored 22 points in Pitt's win over No. 8 Maryland
- Scored her 1,000th career point with a 17-point performance in the win over Penn State
- Dished out five assists in Pitt's win at Western Michigan

CAREER TOTALS

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2005-06	33-33	1072/32.5	114-315	.362	4-21	.190	87-138	.630	75	84	159	4.8	83	1	113	71	8	31	319	9.7
2006-07	33-32	1140/34.5	140-337	.415	21-51	.412	71-102	.696	67	88	155	4.7	95	1	102	63	15	51	372	11.3
2007-08	32-31	901/28.2	105-244	.430	19-48	.396	51-73	.699	62	73	135	4.2	74	0	79	58	6	25	280	8.8
2008-09	32-32	1046/32.7	124-283	.438	28-61	.459	73-92	.793	63	65	128	4.0	74	2	97	60	7	51	349	10.9
TOTAL	130-128	4159/32.0	483-1179	.410	72-181	.398	282-405	.696	267	310	577	4.4	326	4	391	252	36	158	1320	10.2

BIG EAST CAREER TOTALS

2005-06	16-16	533/33.3	55-164	.335	2-10	.200	30-49	.612	39	34	73	4.6	40	0	58	34	5	11	142	8.9
2006-07	16-16	571/35.7	67-173	.387	11-23	.478	42-57	.737	27	46	73	4.6	43	1	52	30	6	26	187	11.7
2007-08	16-16	490/30.6	64-127	.504	10-18	.556	26-39	.667	38	39	77	4.8	41	0	45	35	4	12	164	10.3
2008-09	16-16	528/33.0	51-137	.372	12-29	.414	38-48	.792	25	27	52	3.3	31	0	49	30	5	23	152	9.5
TOTAL	64-64	2122/33.2	237-601	.394	35-80	.438	136-193	.705	129	146	275	4.3	155	1	204	129	20	72	645	10.1

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Pepper Wilson #40

6-5 • Fr. • Center
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Westinghouse

2008-09 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 16 vs. Louisville (3-9-09)
Rebounds: 17 vs. Marquette (1-30-09)
Assists: 4 vs. Marquette (1-30-09)
Steals: 3 vs. Marquette (1-30-09)
Blocks: 4, twice;
 last vs. Gonzaga (3-23-09)
FG Made: 7 vs. Louisville (3-9-09)
FG Attempted: 12 at Western Michigan (11-20-08)
3-pt. FG Made: N/A
3-pt. FG Attempted: N/A
FT Made: 4 vs. Wagner (12-16-08)
FT Attempted: 4, four times;
 last vs. Marquette (1-30-09)
Minutes: 35 vs. Notre Dame (2-3-09)

CAREER HIGHS

Points: 16 vs. Louisville (3-9-09)
Rebounds: 17 vs. Marquette (1-30-09)
Assists: 4 vs. Marquette (1-30-09)
Steals: 3 vs. Marquette (1-30-09)
Blocks: 4, twice;
 last vs. Gonzaga (3-23-09)
FG Made: 7 vs. Louisville (3-9-09)
FG Attempted: 12 at Western Michigan (11-20-08)
3-pt. FG Made: N/A
3-pt. FG Attempted: N/A
FT Made: 4 vs. Wagner (12-16-08)
FT Attempted: 4, four times;
 last vs. Marquette (1-30-09)
Minutes: 35 vs. Notre Dame (2-3-09)

OPPONENT	MIN	FG-A	PCT.	3P-A	PCT.	FT-A	PCT.	O-D-R	A	TO	B	S	P
Texas A&M	33	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	5-4-9	0	3	2	0	8
Western Michigan	23	6-12	.500	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	3-3-6	2	4	0	0	15
Penn State	28	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2-8-10	0	1	4	2	4
Elon	22	6-8	.750	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2-4-6	0	4	0	0	14
Youngstown State	25	5-9	.556	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	1-4-5	1	3	0	1	11
Duquesne	21	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-4-5	1	4	1	1	8
Maryland	18	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2-4	1	0	1	0	6
West Virginia State	24	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-6-8	0	2	1	1	8
Wagner	23	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	1-5-6	2	1	2	1	10
Florida A&M	24	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2-3-5	1	3	0	0	6
Florida	37	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	7-3-10	0	6	1	1	8
Western Kentucky	17	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	4-5-9	0	2	3	1	7
West Virginia	15	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0-2-2	0	1	2	0	2
Providence	11	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1-1-2	0	3	0	1	6
DePaul	27	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	2-2-4	0	6	0	1	7
USF	21	6-8	.750	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4-6-10	0	5	1	0	12
Seton Hall	18	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-1-4	1	2	0	0	2
Syracuse	20	4-4	1.000	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	4-3-7	0	4	3	0	9
Georgetown	21	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4-4-8	0	1	2	0	2
Marquette	33	5-9	.556	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	3-14-17	4	2	3	3	13
Notre Dame	35	2-7	.286	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	3-9-12	1	5	3	0	4
Rutgers	15	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Connecticut	20	0-7	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-1-2	0	1	0	0	0
Villanova	9	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	1-0-1	0	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati	9	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-0-1	0	1	1	0	2
West Virginia	26	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	5-5-10	1	0	3	1	8
Louisville	15	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2-2-4	0	2	2	0	2
St. John's	25	5-9	.556	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	6-5-11	0	2	1	0	12
DePaul	21	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	6-3-9	0	1	1	0	3
Louisville	24	7-8	.875	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	3-0-3	1	1	1	2	16
Montana	16	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	0	0	1	0	2
Gonzaga	14	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2-5-7	0	1	4	1	10

2008-09 NOTES

- Named to the Big East All-Freshman team
- Scored a career-high 16 points in the Big East semifinals against No. 5 Louisville
- Recorded an eight-point and 10-rebound day in Pitt's win at West Virginia, giving outstanding minutes in the second half in the paint
- Grabbed 12 rebounds in Pitt's win over Notre Dame
- Tied a career-high with three blocked shots in the Gonzaga win during the second round of the NCAAs
- Had her best game of the season against Marquette with a team-high 17 rebounds, four assists, three blocks and three steals and added 13 points
- Earned the first double-double of her career with 12 points and 10 rebounds in the win over USF
- Scored 25 points during the Pitt Thanksgiving Tournament to earn all-tournament team honors
- A dominating force on the inside for Pitt

CAREER TOTALS

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	fg-rfg	pct	fg-rfg	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	to	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2008-09	32-31	690/21.6	90-190	.474	0-0	.000	37-49	.755	85	117	202	6.3	74	1	17	71	43	17	217	6.8
TOTAL	32-31	690/21.6	90-190	.474	0-0	.000	37-49	.755	85	117	202	6.3	74	1	17	71	43	17	217	6.8

BIG EAST CAREER TOTALS

2008-09	16-16	320/20.0	34-81	.420	0-0	.000	13-20	.650	42	56	98	6.1	37	1	8	35	21	6	81	5.1
TOTAL	16-16	320/20.0	34-81	.420	0-0	.000	13-20	.650	42	56	98	6.1	37	1	8	35	21	6	81	5.1

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Women's Basketball



Kate Popovec #50
6-3 • Fr. • Center
Canfield, Ohio
Canfield

2008-09 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 17 vs. WVSU (12-13-08)
Rebounds: 13 at Western Michigan (11-20-08)
Assists: 3 vs. WVSU (12-13-08)
Steals: 1, four times;
last vs. WKU (12-30-08)
Blocks: 4 vs. Wagner (12-16-08)
FG Made: 7 at Duquesne (12-3-08)
FG Attempted: 7, five times;
last vs. Villanova (2-18-09)
3-pt. FG Made: N/A
3-pt. FG Attempted: N/A
FT Made: 5 vs. WVSU (12-13-08)
FT Attempted: 8 vs. WVSU (12-13-08)
Minutes: 24 at Duquesne (12-3-08)

CAREER HIGHS

Points: 17 vs. WVSU (12-13-08)
Rebounds: 13 at Western Michigan (11-20-08)
Assists: 3 vs. WVSU (12-13-08)
Steals: 1, four times;
last vs. WKU (12-30-08)
Blocks: 4 vs. Wagner (12-16-08)
FG Made: 7 at Duquesne (12-3-08)
FG Attempted: 7, four times;
last vs. WKU (12-30-08)
3-pt. FG Made: N/A
3-pt. FG Attempted: N/A
FT Made: 5 vs. WVSU (12-13-08)
FT Attempted: 8 vs. WVSU (12-13-08)
Minutes: 24 at Duquesne (12-3-08)

OPPONENT	MIN	FG-A	PCT.	3P-A	PCT.	FT-A	PCT.	O-D-R	A	TO	B	S	P
Texas A&M	12	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-5-5	0	0	0	0	0
Western Michigan	19	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4-9-13	1	4	1	0	8
Penn State	22	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	1-3-4	0	2	2	1	2
Elon	23	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	3-4-7	0	1	2	1	11
Youngstown State	17	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	2-3-5	1	1	1	0	6
Duquesne	24	7-7	1.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	4-8-12	0	1	0	0	15
Maryland	16	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	4-3-7	1	2	1	1	4
West Virginia State	22	6-7	.857	0-0	.000	5-8	.625	3-7-10	3	1	3	0	17
Wagner	21	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	4-4-8	0	1	4	0	3
Florida A&M	20	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	6-2-8	0	1	1	0	7
Florida	6	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0
Western Kentucky	15	5-7	.714	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-5-8	0	0	0	1	10
West Virginia	15	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	2-3-5	0	0	2	0	3
Providence	8	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0-1-1	0	1	1	0	4
DePaul								---	DNP-inj---				
USF								---	DNP-inj---				
Seton Hall								---	DNP-inj---				
Syracuse								---	DNP-inj---				
Georgetown								---	DNP-inj---				
Marquette	3	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Notre Dame	6	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-0-1	0	0	0	0	2
Rutgers	3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Connecticut	11	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	1-1-2	0	0	0	0	0
Villanova	22	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	4-5-9	2	1	1	0	12
Cincinnati	14	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	2-5-7	0	0	0	0	0
West Virginia	6	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-1-2	0	0	0	0	2
Louisville	12	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	0	0	1	0	2
St. John's	16	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	2-4-6	1	1	2	0	4
DePaul	2	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Louisville	7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	0	0	0	0	0
Montana	9	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	2-0-2	1	1	0	0	2
Gonzaga								---	DNP----				

2008-09 NOTES

- Just missed a double-double in the win over Villanova with 12 points and nine rebounds
- Returned from a right ankle sprain against Marquette after missing five games
- Just missed a double-double with 10 points and eight rebounds in the win over WKU
- Had a game-high 17 points and added 10 rebounds in Pitt's win over West Virginia State
- Led the team with 15 points and 12 rebounds at Duquesne for her first double-double
- Tallied 13 rebounds in the win at Western Michigan
- Has become a valuable contributor for the Panthers in just her freshman season

CAREER TOTALS

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2008-09	26-1	351/13.5	47-82	.573	0-0	.000	22-44	.500	49	78	127	4.9	35	0	10	18	22	4	116	4.5
TOTAL	26-1	351/13.5	47-82	.573	0-0	.000	22-44	.500	49	78	127	4.9	35	0	10	18	22	4	116	4.5

BIG EAST CAREER TOTALS

2008-09	11-0	116/10.5	12-25	.480	0-0	.000	7-14	.500	13	22	35	3.2	10	0	3	3	7	0	31	2.8
TOTAL	11-0	116/10.5	12-25	.480	0-0	.000	7-14	.500	13	22	35	3.2	10	0	3	3	7	0	31	2.8

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*Women's Basketball
2008-09 Statistics*



Women's Basketball

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics

	DATE	FG	FGA	PCT	3P	3PA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	REB	PF	A	TO	BS	ST	PTS
PITT	11-16	12	47	.255	4	13	.308	22	30	.733	37	22	3	22	5	5	50
Texas A&M		19	52	.365	6	16	.375	12	22	.545	42	23	12	20	5	12	56
PITT	11-20	38	82	.463	5	12	.417	7	10	.700	48	15	25	12	5	11	88
Western Michigan		21	59	.356	5	11	.455	13	19	.684	36	10	6	26	3	4	60
Penn State	11-24	18	60	.300	4	13	.308	19	29	.655	42	22	11	18	4	6	59
PITT		28	67	.418	7	20	.350	17	28	.607	49	20	19	12	6	6	80
Elon	11-28	17	53	.321	4	9	.444	11	14	.786	23	18	12	22	0	5	49
PITT		31	63	.492	6	15	.400	16	18	.889	46	17	20	19	7	8	84
YSU	11-29	15	49	.306	4	17	.235	8	12	.667	19	19	12	26	0	5	42
PITT		39	58	.672	6	11	.545	15	20	.750	40	17	23	17	7	11	99
PITT	12-3	28	64	.438	4	13	.308	6	8	.750	44	13	17	17	3	7	66
Duquesne		16	55	.291	4	20	.200	11	12	.917	34	11	10	18	2	3	47
Maryland	12-7	20	47	.426	5	7	.714	12	18	.667	30	14	11	22	3	2	57
PITT		32	69	.464	11	21	.524	11	16	.688	38	19	23	10	4	7	86
WVSU	12-13	14	64	.219	4	16	.250	5	6	.833	28	16	11	19	0	7	37
PITT		36	72	.500	2	8	.250	11	19	.579	61	9	21	15	9	6	85
Wagner	12-16	17	54	.315	0	3	.000	7	9	.778	28	21	13	26	5	4	41
PITT		32	78	.410	7	14	.500	27	34	.794	59	12	20	13	12	8	98
PITT	12-19	27	63	.429	6	15	.400	39	36	.806	52	21	11	17	3	11	89
Florida A&M		19	59	.322	6	11	.545	15	25	.600	35	25	8	21	9	4	59
PITT	12-21	31	63	.492	8	14	.571	13	16	.813	39	19	16	17	1	1	83
Florida		31	66	.470	10	22	.455	18	23	.783	33	18	15	9	1	8	90
WKU	12-30	18	62	.290	3	9	.333	11	14	.786	33	15	7	18	3	3	50
PITT		39	77	.506	3	12	.250	12	19	.632	55	16	17	10	11	8	93
WVU	1-4	24	58	.414	9	20	.450	6	9	.667	32	19	16	22	0	7	63
PITT		22	54	.407	6	11	.545	22	28	.786	37	11	10	16	7	4	72
PITT	1-7	23	68	.338	0	11	.000	23	31	.742	35	22	6	14	6	16	69
Providence		27	61	.443	5	9	.556	18	22	.818	62	22	17	25	10	6	77
DePaul	1-10	25	57	.439	5	16	.313	14	20	.700	39	21	17	16	2	6	69
PITT		20	58	.345	5	15	.333	17	25	.680	37	15	14	18	2	3	62
USF	1-17	17	65	.262	2	19	.105	11	17	.647	42	14	9	18	8	4	47
PITT		28	72	.389	8	21	.381	15	17	.882	55	16	17	14	7	7	79
PITT	1-20	30	67	.448	6	12	.500	10	10	1.000	42	15	17	16	10	7	76
Seton Hall		13	54	.241	3	14	.214	11	14	.786	30	13	7	21	4	5	40
PITT	1-24	28	62	.452	4	18	.222	17	24	.708	47	18	18	21	11	8	77
Syracuse		24	66	.364	7	17	.412	20	24	.833	37	22	12	18	2	8	75
PITT	1-27	18	59	.305	2	14	.143	12	15	.800	48	16	7	18	6	4	50
Georgetown		14	50	.280	4	11	.364	7	13	.538	34	19	7	20	2	6	39
Marquette	1-30	16	61	.262	3	14	.214	19	26	.731	36	17	9	14	3	5	54
PITT		35	70	.500	6	14	.429	10	15	.667	50	17	17	13	11	8	86
Notre Dame	2-3	29	78	.372	2	10	.200	10	15	.667	42	18	19	9	6	7	70
PITT		30	66	.455	7	12	.583	15	19	.789	48	14	19	18	6	1	82
PITT	2-10	25	65	.385	5	18	.278	6	6	1.000	39	13	16	10	1	6	61
Rutgers		20	56	.357	0	10	.000	13	20	.650	38	16	53	11	10	5	53
PITT	2-15	17	68	.250	2	19	.105	6	10	.600	37	21	9	17	1	5	42
Connecticut		30	65	.462	8	19	.421	27	31	.871	55	14	22	12	2	11	95
Villanova	2-18	21	47	.447	2	14	.143	10	15	.667	25	17	7	8	4	4	54
PITT		24	55	.436	4	8	.500	18	22	.818	37	11	12	7	1	0	70
Cincinnati	2-21	20	44	.455	7	18	.389	6	9	.667	26	15	18	18	1	1	53
PITT		24	65	.369	8	20	.400	12	19	.632	43	11	12	11	4	7	68
PITT	2-24	26	66	.394	4	15	.267	16	25	.640	43	14	8	4	6	10	72
West Virginia		22	57	.386	5	18	.278	11	18	.611	40	18	14	15	4	0	60
PITT	2-28	17	41	.415	3	10	.300	14	19	.737	30	17	10	25	5	4	51
Louisville		27	61	.443	3	9	.333	18	23	.783	32	19	14	11	4	14	75
St. John's	3-2	24	62	.387	3	11	.273	9	18	.500	37	20	20	14	2	6	60
PITT		32	65	.492	4	9	.444	11	19	.579	42	15	18	14	5	2	79
DePaul	3-8	21	65	.323	6	21	.286	11	17	.647	38	16	12	12	4	7	59
PITT		22	63	.349	2	8	.250	16	23	.696	50	14	6	13	8	7	62
PITT	3-9	20	54	.370	5	19	.263	18	25	.720	28	16	13	16	1	9	63
Louisville		25	51	.490	2	7	.286	17	23	.739	38	19	10	21	4	10	69
Montana	3-21	14	48	.292	4	22	.182	3	6	.500	26	12	12	14	3	2	35
PITT		26	58	.448	4	10	.400	8	12	.667	39	10	13	6	1	8	64
Gonzaga	3-23	21	58	.362	2	11	.182	16	16	1.000	38	15	11	18	4	9	60
PITT		20	59	.339	5	11	.455	20	22	.909	37	16	12	15	10	9	65

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Women's Basketball

2008-09 Pitt Starters

- (0-1) Scott, Stewart, Wilson, Zellous, Sims
- (10-2) Scott, Harrison, Wilson, Zellous, Stewart

- (14-4) Scott, Stewart, Wilson, Zellous, Sallard
- (1-0) Scott, Stewart, Popovec, Zellous, Sallard

Texas A&M 11-16	Zellous (G)	Sims (G)	Wilson (C)	Stewart (F)	Scott (F)	L, 50-56
Western Michigan 11-20	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Harrison (F)	Scott (F)	W, 88-60
Penn State 11-24	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Harrison (F)	Scott (F)	W, 80-59
Elon 11-28	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Harrison (F)	Scott (F)	W, 84-49
Youngstown State 11-29	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Harrison (F)	Scott (F)	W, 99-42
Duquesne 12-3	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Harrison (F)	Scott (F)	W, 66-47
Maryland 12-7	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Harrison (F)	Scott (F)	W, 86-57
West Virginia State 12-13	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Harrison (F)	Scott (F)	W, 85-37
Wagner 12-16	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Harrison (F)	Scott (F)	W, 98-41
Florida A&M 12-19	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Harrison (F)	Scott (F)	W, 89-59
Florida 12-21	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Harrison (F)	Scott (F)	L, 83-90
Western Kentucky 12-30	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Harrison (F)	Scott (F)	W, 93-50
West Virginia 1-4	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Harrison (F)	Scott (F)	W, 72-63
Providence 1-7	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Harrison (F)	Scott (F)	L, 69-77
DePaul 1-10	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Sallard (F)	Scott (F)	L, 62-69
USF 1-17	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Sallard (F)	Scott (F)	W, 79-47
Seton Hall 1-20	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Sallard (F)	Scott (F)	W, 76-40
Syracuse 1-24	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Sallard (F)	Scott (F)	W, 77-75
Georgetown 1-27	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Sallard (F)	Scott (F)	W, 50-39
Marquette 1-30	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Sallard (F)	Scott (F)	W, 86-54
Notre Dame 2-3	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Sallard (F)	Scott (F)	W, 82-70
Rutgers 2-10	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Sallard (F)	Scott (F)	W, 61-53 (OT)
Connecticut 2-15	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Sallard (F)	Scott (F)	L, 42-95
Villanova 2-18	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Sallard (F)	Scott (F)	W, 70-54
Cincinnati 2-21	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Sallard (F)	Scott (F)	W, 68-53
West Virginia 2-24	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Sallard (F)	Scott (F)	W, 72-60
Louisville 2-28	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Sallard (F)	Scott (F)	L, 51-75
St. John's 3-2	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Sallard (F)	Scott (F)	W, 79-60
DePaul 3-8	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Sallard (F)	Scott (F)	W, 62-59
Louisville 3-9	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Sallard (F)	Scott (F)	L, 63-69
Montana 3-21	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Sallard (F)	Scott (F)	W, 64-35
Gonzaga 3-23	Zellous (G)	Stewart (G)	Wilson (C)	Sallard (F)	Scott (F)	W, 65-60

2008-09 Points-Rebounds-Assists

Opp.	Cole	Harrison	Nwude	Ogoke	Popovec	Sallard	Scott	Sims	Stewart	Wilson	Zellous
Texas A&M 11-16	0-2-0	<u>12-5-1</u>	DNP^	0-0-0	0-5-0	0-0-0	<u>0-2-0</u>	<u>2-0-1</u>	5-6-1	8-9-0	23-4-0
WMU 11-20	5-5-1	<u>12-4-5</u>	DNP^	3-0-0	8-13-1	4-2-6	<u>10-6-2</u>	DNP^	8-3-5	<u>15-6-2</u>	<u>23-7-3</u>
Penn State 11-24	2-2-0	<u>8-3-5</u>	DNP^	0-0-0	2-4-0	14-5-3	<u>10-10-3</u>	DNP^	<u>17-4-6</u>	<u>4-10-0</u>	<u>23-4-2</u>
Elon 11-28	4-4-1	<u>13-5-4</u>	DNP^	0-0-1	11-7-0	0-5-3	<u>6-6-4</u>	DNP^	<u>14-5-3</u>	<u>14-6-0</u>	<u>22-5-4</u>
YSU 11-29	6-3-0	<u>16-7-5</u>	DNP^	6-2-1	6-5-1	12-3-3	<u>13-5-2</u>	DNP^	<u>9-3-6</u>	<u>11-5-1</u>	<u>20-3-4</u>
Duquesne 12-3	0-0-0	<u>10-4-2</u>	DNP^	DNP	15-12-0	5-5-5	<u>6-5-3</u>	DNP^	<u>9-4-3</u>	<u>8-5-1</u>	<u>13-5-3</u>
Maryland 12-7	2-3-0	<u>6-4-12</u>	DNP^	0-0-0	4-7-1	7-3-3	<u>13-6-4</u>	DNP^	<u>22-4-0</u>	<u>6-4-1</u>	<u>26-5-2</u>
WVU 12-13	11-5-2	<u>15-5-3</u>	DNP^	0-3-1	17-10-3	4-3-2	<u>14-14-3</u>	DNP^	<u>6-7-2</u>	<u>8-8-0</u>	<u>10-6-5</u>
Wagner 12-16	6-9-1	<u>17-3-1</u>	DNP^	8-1-3	3-8-0	4-8-4	<u>12-8-2</u>	DNP^	<u>12-6-6</u>	<u>10-6-2</u>	<u>26-5-1</u>
Florida A&M 12-19	0-3-0	<u>8-2-3</u>	DNP^	0-2-1	7-8-0	11-5-1	<u>9-9-3</u>	DNP^	<u>27-4-0</u>	<u>6-5-1</u>	<u>21-7-2</u>
Florida 12-21	DNP	<u>7-5-3</u>	DNP^	0-0-0	0-1-0	3-1-5	<u>8-6-2</u>	DNP^	<u>15-8-0</u>	<u>8-10-0</u>	<u>42-4-6</u>
WKU 12-30	5-6-1	<u>13-1-2</u>	8-3-0	3-0-0	10-8-0	8-3-3	<u>5-9-3</u>	DNP^	<u>17-6-4</u>	<u>7-9-0</u>	<u>17-6-4</u>
WVU 1-4	0-7-1	<u>5-3-1</u>	2-0-0	DNP	3-5-0	6-4-1	<u>8-5-1</u>	DNP^	<u>12-2-2</u>	<u>2-2-0</u>	<u>34-5-4</u>
Providence 1-7	4-8-1	<u>0-5-2</u>	0-0-0	0-1-0	4-1-0	7-4-1	<u>2-2-0</u>	DNP^	<u>18-8-1</u>	<u>6-2-0</u>	<u>28-1-1</u>
DePaul 1-10	2-8-0	9-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP^	9-3-1	<u>5-2-5</u>	DNP^	<u>4-7-2</u>	<u>7-4-0</u>	<u>26-6-5</u>
USF 1-17	4-12-2	13-5-0	3-1-0	DNP	DNP^	8-1-3	<u>9-7-1</u>	DNP^	<u>3-3-9</u>	<u>12-10-0</u>	<u>27-7-2</u>
Seton Hall 1-20	4-6-1	9-0-1	11-0-3	2-0-0	DNP^	<u>12-4-1</u>	<u>10-7-1</u>	DNP^	<u>8-3-4</u>	<u>2-4-1</u>	<u>29-11-5</u>
Syracuse 1-24	9-11-0	13-6-3	DNP	DNP	DNP^	<u>7-1-3</u>	<u>13-7-2</u>	DNP^	<u>11-2-4</u>	<u>9-7-0</u>	<u>15-7-6</u>
Georgetown 1-27	4-10-0	4-2-1	DNP	DNP	DNP^	<u>0-2-1</u>	<u>10-11-0</u>	DNP^	<u>11-5-2</u>	<u>2-8-0</u>	<u>19-6-3</u>
Marquette 1-30	2-2-1	15-4-1	2-3-0	2-0-1	2-0-0	4-5-2	<u>9-4-2</u>	DNP^	<u>6-2-3</u>	<u>13-17-4</u>	<u>31-4-3</u>
Notre Dame 2-3	0-0-0	17-3-3	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-1-0	2-0-2	<u>11-18-3</u>	DNP^	<u>17-4-7</u>	<u>4-12-1</u>	<u>29-7-3</u>
Rutgers 2-10	0-6-0	12-3-2	0-1-1	DNP	0-0-0	<u>20-1-3</u>	<u>12-12-3</u>	DNP^	<u>2-2-3</u>	<u>0-3-1</u>	<u>15-5-3</u>
Connecticut 2-15	2-4-0	3-3-2	2-4-1	0-0-0	0-2-0	4-1-4	8-6-0	DNP^	8-3-0	0-2-0	16-5-1
Villanova 2-18	5-7-0	2-0-1	0-0-0	2-0-0	12-9-2	6-4-2	<u>9-2-0</u>	DNP^	<u>11-1-2</u>	<u>0-1-0</u>	<u>23-10-5</u>
Cincinnati 2-21	6-8-0	8-2-1	2-1-0	0-0-0	0-7-0	8-6-3	<u>10-5-0</u>	DNP^	<u>16-1-3</u>	<u>2-1-0</u>	<u>16-6-5</u>
West Virginia 2-24	5-7-0	6-6-1	2-1-0	DNP	2-2-0	4-3-3	<u>12-4-0</u>	DNP^	<u>8-1-1</u>	<u>8-10-1</u>	<u>25-6-2</u>
Louisville 2-28	8-5-0	0-1-1	0-2-0	2-0-0	2-2-0	<u>13-1-5</u>	4-6-0	DNP^	<u>5-3-2</u>	<u>2-4-0</u>	<u>15-6-2</u>
St. John's 3-2	6-7-0	8-2-5	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-6-1	<u>10-1-3</u>	<u>9-5-3</u>	DNP^	<u>12-5-4</u>	<u>12-11-0</u>	<u>18-3-2</u>
DePaul 3-8	5-7-0	3-2-2	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	<u>12-6-1</u>	<u>7-12-1</u>	DNP^	<u>14-5-0</u>	<u>3-9-0</u>	<u>18-4-2</u>
Louisville 3-9	0-0-0	3-2-2	DNP	DNP	0-2-0	<u>2-5-2</u>	<u>11-3-2</u>	DNP^	<u>7-3-5</u>	<u>16-3-1</u>	<u>24-4-1</u>
Montana 3-21	4-5-1	4-1-2	2-0-0	0-1-1	2-2-1	<u>5-3-1</u>	<u>11-5-1</u>	DNP^	<u>3-6-4</u>	<u>2-2-0</u>	<u>31-9-2</u>
Gonzaga 3-23	2-6-0	6-3-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	<u>4-1-4</u>	<u>7-8-3</u>	DNP^	<u>12-2-3</u>	<u>10-7-0</u>	<u>24-7-1</u>

Starters underlined
 DNP^ - Did not play due to injury
 DNP - Coaches decision

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Women's Basketball

2008-09 Scoring Breakdown

(percentage of total points in parenthesis)

Opponent	Front Court	Back Court	Sr.	Jr.	So.	Fr.	Starters	Bench
Texas A&M 11-16	8 (16.0)	42 (84.0)	28 (56.0)	2 (4.0)	12 (24.0)	8 (16.0)	38 (76.0)	12 (24.0)
Western Michigan 11-20	42 (47.7)	46 (52.3)	31 (35.2)	4 (4.5)	27 (30.7)	26 (29.5)	68 (77.3)	20 (22.7)
Penn State 11-24	32 (40.0)	48 (60.0)	40 (50.0)	14 (17.5)	20 (25.0)	6 (7.5)	62 (77.5)	18 (22.5)
Elon 11-28	35 (41.7)	49 (58.3)	36 (42.9)	0 (0.0)	23 (27.4)	25 (29.8)	69 (82.1)	15 (17.9)
Youngstown State 11-29	48 (48.5)	51 (51.5)	29 (29.3)	12 (12.1)	35 (35.4)	23 (23.2)	69 (69.7)	30 (30.3)
Duquesne 12-3	34 (51.5)	32 (48.5)	22 (33.3)	5 (7.6)	16 (24.2)	23 (34.8)	46 (69.7)	20 (30.3)
Maryland 12-7	32 (37.2)	54 (52.8)	48 (55.8)	7 (8.1)	21 (24.4)	10 (8.6)	73 (84.9)	13 (15.1)
West Virginia State 12-13	54 (63.5)	31 (35.5)	16 (18.8)	4 (4.7)	40 (47.1)	25 (29.4)	53 (62.4)	32 (37.6)
Wagner 12-16	31 (31.6)	67 (67.4)	38 (38.8)	4 (4.1)	35 (35.7)	13 (13.3)	77 (78.6)	21 (21.4)
Florida A&M 12-19	33 (37.1)	56 (62.9)	48 (53.9)	11 (12.4)	17 (19.1)	13 (14.6)	71 (79.8)	18 (20.2)
Florida 12-21	19 (22.9)	64 (77.1)	57 (68.7)	3 (3.6)	15 (18.1)	8 (9.6)	80 (96.4)	3 (3.6)
Western Kentucky 12-30	43 (46.2)	50 (53.8)	34 (36.6)	8 (8.6)	23 (24.7)	20 (21.5)	59 (63.4)	34 (36.6)
West Virginia 1-4	21 (29.2)	51 (70.8)	46 (63.9)	6 (8.3)	15 (20.8)	5 (6.9)	61 (84.7)	11 (15.3)
Providence 1-7	16 (23.2)	53 (76.8)	46 (66.7)	7 (10.1)	6 (8.7)	10 (14.5)	54 (78.3)	15 (21.7)
DePaul 1-10	14 (22.3)	48 (77.4)	30 (48.4)	9 (14.5)	16 (25.8)	7 (11.3)	51 (82.3)	11 (17.7)
USF 1-17	28 (35.4)	51 (64.6)	30 (38.0)	8 (10.1)	29 (36.7)	12 (15.2)	59 (74.7)	20 (25.3)
Seton Hall 1-20	16 (21.1)	60 (78.9)	37 (48.7)	12 (15.8)	23 (30.3)	4 (5.3)	61 (80.3)	15 (19.7)
Syracuse 1-24	31 (40.3)	46 (59.7)	26 (33.8)	7 (9.1)	35 (45.5)	9 (11.7)	55 (71.4)	22 (28.6)
Georgetown 1-27	16 (32.0)	34 (68.0)	30 (60.0)	0 (0.0)	18 (36.0)	2 (4.0)	42 (84.0)	8 (16.0)
Marquette 1-30	32 (37.2)	54 (62.8)	37 (43.0)	4 (4.7)	28 (32.6)	17 (19.8)	63 (73.3)	23 (26.7)
Notre Dame 2-3	17 (20.7)	65 (79.3)	65 (56.1)	2 (2.4)	28 (34.1)	6 (7.3)	63 (76.8)	19 (23.2)
Rutgers 2-10	12 (19.7)	49 (80.3)	17 (27.9)	20 (32.8)	24 (39.3)	0 (0.0)	49 (80.3)	12 (19.7)
Connecticut 2-15	16 (38.1)	26 (61.9)	24 (57.1)	4 (9.5)	12 (28.6)	0 (0.0)	36 (85.7)	6 (14.3)
Villanova 2-18	26 (37.1)	44 (62.9)	34 (48.6)	6 (8.6)	16 (22.9)	14 (20.0)	49 (70.0)	21 (30.0)
Cincinnati 2-21	20 (29.4)	48 (70.6)	32 (47.1)	8 (11.8)	26 (38.2)	2 (2.9)	52 (76.5)	16 (23.5)
West Virginia 2-24	33 (45.8)	39 (54.2)	33 (45.8)	4 (5.6)	25 (34.7)	10 (13.9)	57 (79.2)	15 (20.8)
Louisville 2-28	29 (56.8)	22 (43.1)	20 (39.2)	13 (25.5)	12 (23.5)	6 (11.8)	39 (76.5)	12 (23.5)
St. John's 3-2	41 (51.9)	38 (48.1)	30 (38.0)	10 (12.7)	23 (29.1)	16 (20.3)	61 (77.2)	18 (22.8)
DePaul 3-8	27 (43.5)	35 (56.5)	32 (51.6)	12 (19.4)	15 (24.2)	3 (4.8)	51 (82.3)	11 (17.7)
Louisville 3-9	29 (46.0)	34 (54.0)	31 (49.2)	2 (3.2)	14 (22.2)	16 (25.4)	60 (95.2)	3 (4.8)
Montana 3-21	21 (32.8)	43 (67.2)	34 (53.1)	3 (4.7)	21 (32.8)	4 (6.3)	52 (81.3)	12 (18.8)
Gonzaga 3-23	21 (32.3)	44 (67.7)	36 (55.4)	4 (6.2)	15 (23.1)	10 (15.4)	57 (87.7)	8 (12.3)

2008-09 Lead-Deficit Comparison

Opponents	Largest Lead	Largest Deficit	Lead Changes	Ties	Time Led	Time Behind	Tied	Result
Texas A&M 11-16	4	9	8	8	9:23	21:54	8:43	L, 50-56
Western Michigan 11-20	37	N/A	0	0	38:27	0:00	0:00	W, 88-60
Penn State 11-24	34	N/A	0	0	38:35	0:00	0:00	W, 80-59
Elon 11-28	35	2	1	2	37:56	0:16	1:48	W, 84-49
Youngstown State 11-29	57	2	5	1	36:27	2:37	0:56	W, 99-42
Duquesne 12-3	19	4	4	3	30:14	7:06	2:40	W, 66-47
Maryland 12-7	31	2	6	3	36:01	2:02	1:57	W, 86-57
West Virginia 12-13	48	N/A	0	0	39:11	0:00	0:49	W, 85-37
Wagner 12-16	57	N/A	0	0	39:45	0:00	0:15	W, 98-41
Florida A&M 12-19	34	N/A	0	0	39:53	0:00	0:07	W, 89-59
Florida 12-21	8	9	8	4	12:38	23:45	3:37	L, 83-90
Western Kentucky 12-30	43	1	8	1	37:41	1:47	0:32	W, 93-50
West Virginia 1-4	10	6	11	8	25:57	8:10	5:53	W, 72-63
Providence 1-7	9	18	2	5	10:50	25:45	3:25	L, 69-77
DePaul 1-10	9	7	16	11	20:01	13:41	6:18	L, 62-69
USF 1-17	37	2	4	3	36:28	1:46	2:46	W, 79-47
Seton Hall 1-20	41	N/A	0	0	38:53	0:00	1:07	W, 76-40
Syracuse 1-24	10	1	4	6	35:57	1:16	2:47	W, 77-75
Georgetown 1-27	12	8	2	2	18:59	20:16	0:45	W, 50-39
Marquette 1-30	32	5	1	0	36:13	3:15	0:32	W, 86-54
Notre Dame 2-3	15	N/A	0	0	39:43	0:00	0:17	W, 82-70
Rutgers 2-10	8	8	6	6	13:20	23:03	3:37	W, 61-53 (OT)
Connecticut 2-15	N/A	53	0	0	0:00	39:50	0:10	L, 42-95
Villanova 2-18	16	4	5	4	29:27	7:46	2:47	W, 70-54
Cincinnati 2-21	20	3	8	6	30:44	6:00	3:16	W, 68-53
West Virginia 2-24	12	12	3	4	18:41	17:24	3:55	W, 72-60
Louisville 2-28	0	26	0	1	0:00	38:30	1:30	L, 51-75
St. John's 3-2	28	0	0	0	39:46	0:00	0:14	W, 79-60
DePaul 3-8	12	10	7	4	21:17	17:41	1:02	W, 62-59
Louisville 3-9	1	13	4	0	2:22	36:28	1:10	L, 63-69
Montana 3-21	29	6	2	2	22:09	14:31	3:20	W, 64-38
Gonzaga 3-23	6	7	16	14	17:19	16:37	7:04	W, 65-60

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Women's Basketball

2008-09 Individual Superlatives

Points.....	42.....	Shavonte Zellous.....	at Florida (12-21-08)
Field Goals Made.....	13.....	Shavonte Zellous.....	at Florida (12-21-08)
.....	13.....	Shavonte Zellous.....	vs. Montana (3-21-09)
Field Goal Attempts.....	27.....	Shavonte Zellous.....	vs. Montana (3-21-09)
Field Goal Pct. (min 5 made).....	1.000 (7-7).....	Kate Popovec.....	at Duquesne (12-3-08)
.....	1.000 (5-5).....	Sophronia Sallard.....	Youngstown State (11-29-08)
3-PT Field Goals Made.....	5.....	Shavonte Zellous.....	at Seton Hall (1-20-09)
3-PT Field Goal Attempts.....	9.....	Shavonte Zellous.....	Penn State (11-24-08)
3-PT Field Goal Pct. (min 2 made).....	1.000 (3-3).....	Taneisha Harrison.....	Western Kentucky (12-30-08)
.....	1.000 (2-2).....	Xenia Stewart.....	Gonzaga (3-23-09)
.....	.750 (3-4).....	Shayla Scott.....	Villanova (2-18-09)
.....	.750 (3-4).....	Shavonte Zellous.....	at Florida (12-21-08)
.....	.750 (3-4).....	Xenia Stewart.....	at Florida A&M (12-19-08)
.....	.750 (3-4).....	Taneisha Harrison.....	Youngstown State (11-29-08)
Free Throws Made.....	14.....	Shavonte Zellous.....	vs. Texas A&M (11-16-08)
Free Throw Attempts.....	16.....	Shavonte Zellous.....	vs. Texas A&M (11-16-08)
Free Throw Pct. (min 4 made).....	1.000 (6-6).....	Xenia Stewart.....	Villanova (2-18-09)
.....	1.000 (4-4).....	Taneisha Harrison.....	at Syracuse (1-24-09)
.....	1.000 (4-4).....	Shavonte Zellous.....	at Seton Hall (1-20-09)
.....	1.000 (4-4).....	Shavonte Zellous.....	vs. Montana (3-21-09)
.....	1.000 (5-5).....	Xenia Stewart.....	Penn State (11-24-08)
.....	1.000 (5-5).....	Taneisha Harrison.....	Notre Dame (2-3-09)
.....	.929 (13-14).....	Shavonte Zellous.....	at Florida (12-21-08)
.....	.875 (14-16).....	Shavonte Zellous.....	vs. Texas A&M (11-16-08)
Rebounds.....	18.....	Shayla Scott.....	Notre Dame (2-3-09)
.....	17.....	Pepper Wilson.....	vs. Marquette (1-30-09)
Assists.....	12.....	Taneisha Harrison.....	vs. Maryland (12-7-08)
.....	9.....	Xenia Stewart.....	South Florida (1-17-09)
Blocked Shots.....	5.....	Chelsea Cole.....	at Syracuse (1-24-09)
.....	5.....	Chelsea Cole.....	vs. Gonzaga (3-23-09)

2008-09 Team Highs and Lows

		PITT	OPPONENTS
Points	Hi	99 vs. Younstown State (11-29-08)	95 by Connecticut (2-15-09)
	Low	42 at Connecticut (2-15-09)	35 by Montana (3-21-09)
Field Goals	Hi	39 vs. YSU (11-29-08)/WKU (12-30-08)	31 by Florida (12-21-08)
	Low	12 vs. Texas A&M (11-16-08)	13 by Seton Hall (1-20-09)
Field Goal Att.	Hi	82 at Western Michigan (11-20-08)	66 by Florida (12-21-08)/Syracuse (1-24-09)
	Low	41 at Louisville (2-28-09)	44 by Cincinnati (2-21-09)
Field Goal Pct.	Hi	.672 (39-58) vs. Younstown State (11-29-08)	.490 (25-51) by Louisville (3-9-09)
	Low	.250 (17-68) at Connecticut (2-15-09)	.241 (13-54) by Seton Hall (1-20-09)
3PT Field Goals	Hi	11 vs. Maryland (12-7-08)	10 by Florida (12-21-08)
	Low	0 at Providence (1-7-09)	0 by Wagner (12-16-08)
3PT Field Goal Att.	Hi	21 vs. Maryland (12-7-08)/vs. USF (1-17-09)	22 by Fla. (12-21-08)/Montana (3-21-09)
	Low	8 three times	3 by Wagner (12-16-08)
3PT Field Goal Pct.	Hi	.583 (7-12) vs. Notre Dame (2-3-09)	.714 vs. Maryland (12-7-08)
	Low	.000 (0-11) at Providence (1-7-09)	.000 (0-3) by Wagner (12-16-08)
Free Throws	Hi	29 at Florida A&M (12-19-08)	27 by Connecticut (2-15-09)
	Low	6 three times	3 by Montana (3-21-09)
Free Throw Att.	Hi	36 at Florida A&M (12-19-08)	31 by Connecticut (2-15-09)
	Low	6 at Rutgers (2-10-09)	6 by WVSU (12-13-08)
Free Throw Pct.	Hi	1.000 (10-10) at Seton Hall (1-20-09)/Rutgers (2-10-09)	1.000 (16-16) by Gonzaga (3-23-09)
	Low	.579 (11-19) vs. WVSU (12-13-08)	.500 (3-6) by Montana (3-21-09)
Rebounds	Hi	61 vs. WVSU (12-13-08)	55 by Connecticut (2-15-09)
	Low	28 vs Louisville (3-9-09)	19 by Youngstown State (11-29-08)
Assists	Hi	25 at Western Michigan (11-20-08)	22 by Connecticut (2-15-09)
	Low	3 vs. Texas A&M (11-16-08)	6 by Western Michigan (11-20-08)
Blocks	Hi	12 vs. Wagner (12-16-08)	10 by Providence (1-7-09)
	Low	1 five times	0 by four teams
Steals	Hi	16 at Providence (1-7-09)	14 by Louisville (2-28-09)
	Low	0 vs. Villanova (2-18-09)	0 by West Virginia (2-24-09)
Turnovers	Hi	25 at Louisville (2-28-09)	27 at Western Michigan (11-20-08)
	Low	4 at West Virginia (2-24-09)	8 by Villanova (2-18-09)

* School record

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Women's Basketball

Panthers' Record When...

Leading at the half.....	22-2
Trailing at the half.....	2-5
Tied at the half.....	1-0
Scores 100+ points.....	0-0
Scores 90-99 points.....	3-0
Scores 80-89 points.....	8-1
Scores 70-79 points.....	7-0
Scores 60-69 points.....	6-3
Scores fewer than 60 points.....	1-3
Holds opp. to 41-50 points.....	6-0
Holds opp. to 31-40 points.....	4-0
Holds opp. to under 30 points.....	0-0
Shoots 50% FG or better.....	4-0
Shoots 40-49% FG.....	14-2
Shoots 39% or under FG.....	6-5
Holds opp. under 30% FG.....	8-0
Shoots higher FG% than opp.....	22-1
Shoots lower FG% than opp.....	3-6
Shoots higher FT% than opp.....	17-2
Shoots lower FT% than opp.....	8-5
Outrebounded opp.....	24-1
Outrebounded by opp.....	1-6
Versus ranked opp.....	2-4
Versus non-ranked opp.....	23-3
In overtime.....	1-0
Games decided by 3 points or less.....	2-0

2008-09 Superlatives...

FIRST HALF

Most points scored in the first half.....	51 at Florida A&M (12-19-08)
Fewest points scored in the first half.....	21 at Connecticut (2-15-09)
Fewest points allowed in the first half.....	17 by Seton Hall (1-20-09)
Most points allowed in the first half.....	47 by Connecticut (2-15-09)
Best FG % in the first half.....	64.0 (16-25) vs. Youngstown State (11-29-08)
Worst FG % in the first half.....	23.5 (8-34) at Connecticut (2-15-09)
Best FG % by an opponent in the first half....	57.7 (15-26) by Louisville (3-9-09)
Worst FG % by an opponent in the first half...	18.8 (6-32) by PSU (11-24-08)

SECOND HALF

Most points scored in the second half	56 vs. WKU (12-30-08)
Fewest points scored in the second half	21 at Connecticut (2-15-09)
Fewest points allowed in the second half.....	10 by Montana (3-21-09)
Most points allowed in the second half.....	48 by Connecticut (2-15-09)
Best FG % in the second half	69.7 (23-33) vs. Youngstown State (11-29-08)
Worst FG % in the second half.....	20.8 (5-24) vs. Texas A&M (11-16-08)
Best FG % by an opponent in the second half.....	50.0 (11-22) by Cincy (2-21-09)
Worst FG % by an opponent in the second half.....	15.4 (4-26) by Georgetown (1-27-09)

GAME

Most points scored	99 vs. Youngstown State (11-29-08)
Fewest points scored.....	42 at Connecticut (2-15-09)
Fewest points allowed	35 by Montana (3-21-09)
Most points allowed	95 by Connecticut (2-15-09)
Best FG %	62.7 (39-58) vs. Youngstown State (11-29-08)
Worst FG %	25.0 (17-68) at Connecticut (2-15-09)
Best FG % by an opponent	49.0 (25-51) by Louisville (3-9-09)
Worst FG % by an opponent	21.9 (14-64) by WVSU (12-13-08)

MISCELLANEOUS

Largest margin of victory	57 vs. YSU (11-29-08)/Wagner (12-16-08)
Smallest margin of victory	2 (77-75) at Syracuse (1-24-09)
Largest margin of defeat.....	53 (95-42) at Connecticut (2-15-09)
Smallest margin of defeat.....	6 vs. Texas A&M (11-16-08)/Louisville (3-9-09)
Largest halftime lead	25 three times
Smallest halftime lead	1 (28-27) at West Virginia (2-24-09)
.....	vs. Montana (3-21-09)
Largest halftime deficit.....	26 (47-21) at Connecticut (2-15-09)
Smallest halftime deficit.....	1 (28-27) by DePaul (3-8-09)
Largest rebounding margin.....	33 (61-28) vs. WVSU (12-13-08)
Smallest rebounding margin	3 (43-40) at WVU (2-24-09)
Opponent's largest reb. margin.....	18 (55-37) at Connecticut (2-15-09)
Opponent's smallest reb. margin	1 vs. Gonzaga (3-23-09)

Pitt on TV

Nov. 16	vs. Texas A&M	ESPN2	L, 50-56
Dec. 21	at Florida	Sun Sports	L, 83-90
Jan. 4	West Virginia	ESPNU	W, 72-63
Jan. 10	DePaul	BETV	L, 62-69
Feb. 10	at Rutgers	CBSCS	W, 61-53 (ot)
Feb. 15	at Connecticut	ESPN2	L, 42-95
Feb. 24	at West Virginia	CBSCS	W, 72-60
Feb. 28	at Louisville	BETV	L, 51-75
March 8	vs. DePaul	ESPNU	W, 62-59
March 9	vs. Louisville	ESPNU	L, 63-69
March 21	vs. Montana	ESPN2	W, 64-35
March 23	vs. Gonzaga	ESPN2	W, 65-60

To be continued...



Women's Basketball

Game 1 (0-1, 0-0 Big East)

Nov. 16, 2008

#10 Texas A&M 56, #23 Pitt 50

Pete Maravich Assembly Center (13,472)

BATON ROUGE, LA -- Texas A&M is one of the best defensive women's basketball teams in the country. The Aggies are athletic, they press, they are physical, they make it difficult for teams to get open shots.

That stout defense is why the Aggies advanced to the Elite Eight last year and is a reason they are ranked No. 11 and considered a legitimate Final Four contender.

It is hard to score against them and as Pitt found out yesterday, it is darn near impossible without the starting point guard.

Pitt also plays great defense, so the Aggies and Panthers staged an old-fashioned defensive slugfest in the State Farm Tip-Off Classic before a crowd of 7,954 at LSU's Pete Maravich Assembly Center.

The Panthers, who played the final 35 minutes without starting point guard Jania Sims because of a knee injury, couldn't find enough points to win the game and dropped a 56-50 decision to the Aggies.

Texas A&M coach Gary Blair acknowledged that it isn't always fun to watch his team play because they work so hard on defense and fans generally like to see offense.

But he was quick to defend the Aggies' style. In his mind, two teams playing great defense against each other is not ugly, it is a thing of beauty.

Sims went down with the score tied, 7-7, and Stewart, a senior, had to step in and finish the game at point guard. She said she had not played the position since she was a freshman.

Pitt had only three assists but had 22 turnovers.

Pitt's leading scorer, senior Shavonte Zellous, was being harassed the entire game by Texas A&M defensive whiz Danielle Gant. Zellous finished with a game-high 23 points but she scored 14 of those points from the free-throw line and she made only 3 of 16 shots.

Despite the offensive struggles, Pitt led 25-23 at the half and 35-34 with 10:27 to play in the game but the Aggies used a 9-2 run over the next three minutes to pull away. They maintained at least a six-point cushion the rest of the way.

Texas A&M got a boost off the bench from guard Sydney Colson, who had ACL surgery in July and was only supposed to play limited action. But Colson played 22 minutes and had 12 points, including two key 3-pointers.

-- Paul Zeise, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pitt (50)											
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Stewart-F	36	2-6	0-1	1-2	6	5	1	1	0	0	5
Wilson-C	33	3-6	0-0	2-2	9	2	0	3	2	0	8
Zellous-G	32	3-16	3-7	14-16	4	4	0	6	2	2	23
Sims-G	5	0-3	0-0	2-2	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Scott-F	19	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	3	0	0	0
Sallard	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Harrison	38	4-13	1-4	3-8	5	4	1	7	0	2	12
Cole	15	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	1	1	1	0
Ogoke	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Popovec	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0
Team					4						
Totals	200	12-47	4-13	22-30	37	22	3	22	5	5	50

Texas A&M (56)											
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Elonu-F	21	1-6	0-0	0-0	8	3	1	1	1	1	2
Micheaux-C	34	2-4	0-0	2-3	4	4	1	4	2	5	6
Starks-G	33	2-10	0-3	5-8	4	3	1	4	0	0	9
Smith-G	22	1-1	1-1	2-2	3	1	3	0	0	1	5
Gant-G	34	4-10	0-0	1-4	13	4	2	1	2	2	9
Buchanan	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Carter	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Baker	1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White	19	4-11	3-7	2-3	3	2	1	3	0	1	13
Collins	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Assarian	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Colson	22	5-8	2-4	0-2	1	4	3	4	0	2	12
Team					6						
Totals	200	19-52	6-16	12-22	42	23	12	20	5	12	56

Halftime-PITT 25-23; FG pct. - PITT .255, TAMU .365; 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .308, TAMU .375; FT pct. - PITT .733, TAMU .545.

A - 7,954; Officials - Eric Brewton, Tina Napier, Wesley Dean

Game 2 (1-1, 0-0 Big East)

Nov. 20, 2008

Pitt 88, Western Michigan 60

University Arena (5,421)

KALAMAZOO, Mich. -- The Pitt women's basketball team (1-1) earned its first win of the season in convincing fashion Thursday night with an 88-60 victory at Western Michigan (0-2). Shavonte Zellous led all scorers with a 23-point performance, including 20 in the first half.

"We came out here today and had a business-like approach," head coach Agnus Berenato said. "The team came out and went to work and got it done. This was a total team effort today. When we had players come off the bench, there was no drop off and that is great when you can do that."

Every player scored for the Panthers in the 28-point victory. Freshman Pepper Wilson (Pittsburgh, Pa./Westinghouse) scored 15 on the night and added six rebounds and two assists. Junior forward Sophronia Sallard (Syracuse, N.Y./Nottingham/Kansas) dished out a career-high six assists on the night and senior Xenia Stewart (Bowie, Md./Riverdale Baptist) is now just 16 points from 1,000 for her career with eight on the night.

Pitt jumped out to a quick lead and never relinquished it as the Panthers shot an outstanding 52.8 percent from the field (19 of 36) in the first half. Pitt led 42-24 entering the lockerroom, led primarily by the dominating 20-point first half performance by Zellous. At one point in the middle of the half, she scored 12 straight points for the Panthers. The 18-point advantage for the Panthers was due in large part to a Western Michigan drought for over six minutes, as well as Pitt forcing 14 Broncos' turnovers.

It was more of the same to start the second half as Pitt charged to an 18-3 run to start the half on 7 of 12 shooting from the field. The Panthers went on to shoot 38 of 82 for the game for 46.3 percent shooting from the field. Pitt had 25 assists on the night and just 12 turnovers while forcing 26 Western Michigan turnovers.

Pitt (88)											
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Scott-F	26	5-8	0-2	0-0	6	2	2	0	2	2	10
Wilson-C	23	6-12	0-0	3-4	6	2	2	4	0	0	15
Zellous-G	33	9-20	3-5	2-2	7	1	3	1	1	1	23
Harrison-G	31	5-9	1-1	1-2	4	1	5	1	0	3	12
Stewart-G	31	4-11	0-2	0-0	4	1	5	1	0	3	12
Sallard	26	4-11	0-2	0-0	3	3	5	1	0	2	8
Cole	11	2-5	0-0	1-2	5	1	1	0	1	0	5
Ogoke	14	1-5	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Popovec	19	4-7	0-0	0-0	13	3	1	4	1	0	8
Team					2						
Totals	200	38-82	5-12	7-10	48	15	25	12	5	11	88

Western Michigan (60)											
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Bankston-F	23	6-10	1-1	3-4	6	3	0	2	0	0	16
M Giden-F	30	4-14	0-1	4-5	5	1	0	5	1	0	12
Clery-F	22	1-9	1-1	3-4	8	1	0	1	0	0	6
Delahoussaye	24	3-8	1-2	0-0	3	1	4	5	0	2	7
Dwyer-G	28	2-4	1-2	2-2	1	0	0	0	1	0	7
Dreher	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Vest	14	1-5	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	3	0	0	2
Harvey	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iaquaniello	11	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2
Fletcher	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Wilson	10	1-2	0-1	0-1	1	0	0	2	1	0	2
R Giden	4	0-0	0-0	0-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loney	21	2-6	1-3	1-1	4	1	2	2	0	2	6
Team					4						
Totals	200	21-59	5-11	13-19	36	10	6	26	3	4	60

Halftime-PITT 42-24; FG pct. - PITT .463, WMU .356; 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .417, WMU .356; FT pct. - PITT .700, WMU .684.

A - 784; Officials - Becky Blank, Rod Creech, Tom Hallead

To be continued...



Women's Basketball

Game 3 (2-1, 0-0 Big East)

Nov. 24, 2008

Pitt 80, Penn State 59

Petersen Events Center (12,508)

PITTSBURGH -- Senior Xenia Stewart scored her 1,000th career point in Pitt's largest victory over Penn State in school history, a, 80-59 win at the Petersen Events Center Monday night.

Stewart (Bowie, Md./Riverdale Baptist) scored 17 points on the night and now sits at 1,001 points in her career, becoming the 16th player in school history to hit the milestone.

"It's rare when someone does everything you ask," head coach Agnus Berenato said. "We've asked Xenia to play five different positions and she does it all for the team. She's very unselfish. She puts the team first. She has tremendous focus and intensity. She shows tremendous leadership. She's a warrior and for her to get her to break 1,000 points, was special."

The win is the biggest over Penn State in school history, surpassing the 86-69 Panther win on Feb. 12, 1983. It also marks a considerable improvement for the Panthers under sixth-year head coach Agnus Berenato as her first game in 2003 against the Lady Lions ended in a 96-44 defeat.

The domination by the Panthers in this year's game was from the very beginning. Pitt never trailed in the game and held a commanding 43-18 lead at the half. The Panthers held the Lady Lions to just 18.8 percent from the field during that time (30.0 percent for the game) and forced 18 total turnovers in the contest.

Shayla Scott (Monroeville, Pa./Gateway) had a special night of her own as she picked up the second double-double of her career with 10 points and 10 rebounds, and was able to honor her mother, Jennifer Bruce Scott, prior to the game. Jennifer Bruce was the Big East Player of the Year in 1984 and helped lead her team to the Big East regular season title. The 1983-84 team was honored prior to the game for their 25th anniversary of the championship.

The top scorer on the night was again senior Shavonte Zellous (Orlando, Fla./Jones) with 23 points and four rebounds. Zellous is averaging 23.0 points through three games this season. Freshman Pepper Wilson (Pittsburgh, Pa./Westinghouse) added 10 rebounds and junior Sophronia Sallard (Syracuse, N.Y./Nottingham/Kansas) scored 14.

In addition to honoring the 1983-84 team, the current team did some celebrating of its own as Pitt raised its 2008 Sweet 16 banner in a ceremony prior to the game.

Penn State (59)

Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Trogele-F	15	1-7	0-0	0-0	1	2	2	2	1	0	2
Lewis-C	27	2-4	0-0	1-2	6	2	1	0	2	2	5
Grant-G	38	6-18	2-3	6-9	7	3	1	1	0	0	20
O'Rourke	36	0-9	0-5	6-8	5	3	4	6	0	1	6
Quinn-G	11	0-3	0-2	0-0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0
Phillips	8	1-2	1-1	0-0	0	0	1	3	0	1	3
Gray	13	2-4	1-2	0-0	0	4	0	1	0	0	5
Womack	11	0-1	0-0	4-6	3	5	1	1	0	0	4
Mark	16	2-3	0-0	2-4	6	1	0	2	1	0	6
Wolff	25	4-9	0-0	0-0	6	0	0	0	0	2	8
Team					7			1			
Totals	200	18-60	4-13	19-29	42	22	11	18	4	6	59

Pitt (80)

Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Scott-F	21	3-6	2-4	2-2	10	4	3	1	0	0	10
Wilson-C	28	1-6	0-0	2-2	10	3	0	1	4	2	4
Zellous-G	29	8-21	2-9	5-10	4	2	2	6	0	0	23
Harrison-F	31	3-9	1-3	1-2	3	0	5	0	0	0	8
Stewart-G	36	5-11	2-4	5-5	4	4	6	1	0	2	17
Sallard	21	6-9	0-0	2-5	5	4	3	0	0	1	14
Cole	8	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	1	0	0	2
Ogoke	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Popovec	22	1-2	0-0	0-2	4	2	0	2	2	1	2
Team					7						
Totals	200	28-67	7-20	17-28	49	20	19	12	6	6	80

Halftime-PITT 43-18; FG pct. - PITT .418, PSU .300; 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .350, PSU .308; FT pct. - PITT .655, PSU .607.

A - 2080; Officials - Bill Titus, Sue Blauch, Kathy Ridilla

Game 4 (3-1, 0-0 Big East)

Nov. 28, 2008

Pitt 84, Elon 49

Petersen Events Center (12,508)

PITTSBURGH—Pitt's women's basketball team records its largest win of the season with an 84-49 victory over Elon in the second game of the Pitt Thanksgiving Tournament, this afternoon, at the Petersen Events Center. The Panthers improved to 3-1 on the year and will play Youngstown State in the championship game on Saturday.

Five players scored in double figures for the Pitt, including a game-high 22 from senior Shavonte Zellous (Orlando, Fla./Jones). Zellous recorded her fourth consecutive game with more than 20 points.

Additionally, senior Xenia Stewart (Bowie, Md./Riverdale Baptist) and freshman Shawnice Wilson (Pittsburgh, Pa./Westinghouse) each scored 14, while sophomore Taneisha Harrison (Bowie, Md./St. John's College High School) chipped in 13 and freshman Kate Popovec (Canfield, Ohio/Canfield) recorded a career-high 11 in the game.

The Panthers jumped out to an early double-digit lead, 24-13, thanks to a layup from Stewart. Later Harrison gave the Panthers their largest lead of the game at 42-22, with a pair of made free throws in the first half.

Pitt held a 16-point lead at the half, 44-28, as the Panthers shot 51.6 percent from the field.

Following intermission, the Panthers increased their lead to 58-32 with a 14-4 run that was sparked by four points from Wilson. Pitt continued to dominate, forcing 10 second-half turnovers by Elon.

Pitt held the Phoenix without a field goal the last three minutes and 30 seconds of play.

In the first game of today's Pitt Thanksgiving Tournament, Youngstown State defeated Weber State 67-60. Nikita LaFleur scored a game-high 24 points off the bench for the Penguins.

Elon (49)

Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Wall-F	28	3-7	0-0	4-5	2	2	2	2	0	1	10
Cotton-C	27	3-5	0-0	1-1	5	4	1	3	0	1	7
Taylor-G	21	4-6	3-3	0-0	1	3	0	1	0	0	11
Davis-G	25	2-8	0-0	0-0	3	3	4	3	0	0	4
Bell-G	18	1-5	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	1	0	0	2
Sturlodottir	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Medley	26	3-12	1-5	3-4	4	1	3	2	0	1	10
Harper	24	1-6	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	4	0	1	2
Dellapenta	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Keto	16	0-2	0-0	3-4	1	2	0	1	0	1	3
Luedtke	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0
Team					5			1			
Totals	200	17-53	4-9	11-14	23	18	12	22	0	5	49

Pitt (84)

Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Harrison-F	28	4-11	3-5	2-2	5	3	4	1	0	0	13
Scott-F	21	3-6	0-2	0-0	6	2	4	2	3	2	6
Wilson-C	22	6-8	0-0	2-2	6	2	0	4	0	0	14
Zellous-G	37	6-11	3-5	7-8	5	2	4	4	1	2	22
Stewart-G	35	6-11	0-1	2-2	5	2	3	4	0	3	14
Sallard	13	0-4	0-1	0-0	5	3	3	1	1	0	0
Cole	14	2-5	0-0	0-0	4	1	1	1	0	0	4
Ogoke	7	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Popovec	23	4-5	0-0	3-4	7	2	0	1	2	1	11
Team					3						
Totals	200	31-63	6-15	16-18	46	17	20	19	7	8	84

Halftime-PITT 44-28; FG pct. - PITT .321, Elon .321; 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .400, Elon .444; FT pct. - PITT .889, Elon .786.

A - 323; Officials - John Morningstar, Carol Comanita, Michel Schmidt

To be continued...



Women's Basketball

Game 5 (4-1, 0-0 Big East)

Nov. 29, 2008

Pitt 99, Youngstown State 42

Petersen Events Center (12,508)

PITTSBURGH - The Pitt women's basketball team (4-1) claimed the Pitt Thanksgiving Tournament title with an 99-42 victory over Youngstown State Saturday evening, behind 20 points from senior guard Shavonte Zellous.

Zellous (Orlando, Fla./Jones) was named the tournament Most Valuable Player for contributing 42 points on the weekend to lead the team in scoring in both games. The 20 points against Youngstown State marks her fifth consecutive 20-point game this season. Also on the all-tournament team were senior Xenia Stewart (Bowie, Md./Riverdale Baptist) and freshman Pepper Wilson (Pittsburgh, Pa./Westinghouse).

The 57-point victory is the largest for a Pitt team since it defeated C.C.A.C 112-25 on Jan. 22, 1977. Pitt currently holds a +27 point margin over its five opponents this season.

"I thought this was a great win," head coach Agnus Berenato said. "Everyone contributed. We had five players with double figures and we set a new Petersen Events Center record for field goal percentage. We had an unselfish team. They made the extra pass."

The Panthers shot an outstanding 67.2 percent (39 of 58) from the field for the game, including 69.7 percent in the second half. The 67.2 percent accuracy for the game is a Petersen Events Center record for women's contests.

Pitt also had five players score in double figures, and every active player on the team scored at least six points in the win. Sophomore Taneisha Harrison (Bowie, Md./St. John's College) had an outstanding game as well with 16 points, seven rebounds, five assists and three steals, while Shayla Scott (Monroeville, Pa./Gateway) scored a career-high 13.

Pitt began to truly pull away late in the first half and began the second half with a 19-0 run. The total run from the end of the first to the middle of the second half, totaled 32 consecutive points for the Panthers to stretch the Pitt lead to 39 points at 63-24.

Youngstown State (42)

Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Gurgnus-F	28	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	1	3	1	0	1	0
Scott-F	26	2-6	0-0	5-6	3	4	1	5	0	0	9
Lafleur-C	21	3-3	0-0	1-2	5	2	0	0	0	0	7
Westley-G	19	2-6	1-3	2-4	1	0	1	3	0	1	7
Nortey-G	26	1-8	0-0	0-0	1	0	6	4	0	1	2
Middlebrooks	15	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	4	0	0	2
Manuel	20	0-3	0-0	0-0	1	2	1	3	0	0	0
Alexander	17	1-8	0-5	0-0	1	2	0	1	0	0	2
March	14	4-9	2-6	0-0	1	2	0	1	0	1	10
Gasperek	9	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Pendleton	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	5	0	2	0	1	0
Team					4			2			
Totals	200	15-49	4-17	8-12	19	19	12	26	0	5	42

Pitt (99)

Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Scott-F	25	4-5	0-1	5-6	5	2	2	1	3	1	13
Wilson-C	25	5-9	0-0	1-1	5	1	1	3	0	1	11
Zellous-G	28	7-14	2-4	4-5	3	3	5	3	1	1	20
Harrison-G	29	6-8	3-4	1-1	7	3	5	2	0	3	16
Stewart-G	29	4-8	1-2	0-0	3	3	6	3	0	3	9
Sallard	23	5-5	0-0	2-2	3	1	3	2	1	2	12
Cole	12	2-2	0-0	2-3	3	1	0	2	1	0	6
Ogoke	12	3-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0	0	0	6
Popovec	17	3-4	0-0	0-2	5	3	1	1	1	0	6
Team					4						
Totals	200	39-58	6-11	15-20	40	17	23	17	7	11	99

Halftime-PITT 44-22; FG pct. - PITT .672, YSU .306; 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .545, YSU .235; FT pct. - PITT .750, YSU .667.

A - 2791; Officials - John Orminski, Carol Comanita, Kevin Pethtel

Game 6 (5-1, 0-0 Big East)

Dec. 3, 2008

Pitt 66, Duquesne 47

Palumbo Center (5,358)

PITTSBURGH (AP) -Kate Popovec scored 15 points and didn't miss a field-goal attempt, Shavonte Zellous had 13 and No. 24 Pittsburgh opened the second half with a decisive run to beat city opponent Duquesne 66-47 Wednesday night.

The Panthers (5-1) stretched a 27-23 lead at halftime into a 42-27 advantage with a 15-4 run. Zellous started the run with a 3-pointer and Popovec ended it with a layup.

Keri Pryor scored 18 points for Duquesne (6-2), which was held to 29.1 percent shooting (16-of-55). Popovec, who was 7-of-7 from the floor but missed one of two free throws, had 12 rebounds as Pitt held a 44-34 edge.

The double-double was the first for Popovec, who leads the team in rebounding off the bench as a freshman.

Pitt improved to 19-8 in the all-time series against the Dukes with the 19-point victory.

The game was played at the same time, but on Duquesne's home floor, as the No. 3 Pitt men's team defeated the Dukes 78-51 at the Petersen Events Center.

Pitt (66)

Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Scott-F	32	2-9	0-1	2-2	5	3	3	3	1	0	6
Wilson-C	21	4-6	0-0	0-0	5	2	1	4	1	1	8
Zellous-G	27	5-14	3-7	0-0	5	3	3	4	0	0	13
Harrison-G	34	5-13	0-4	0-0	4	2	2	2	0	3	10
Stewart-G	35	3-8	0-0	3-4	4	2	3	2	0	0	9
Sallard	23	2-6	1-1	0-0	5	0	5	1	1	3	5
Cole	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Popovec	24	7-7	0-0	1-2	12	1	0	1	0	0	15
Team					4						
Totals	200	28-64	4-13	6-8	44	13	17	17	3	7	66

Duquesne (47)

Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Britcher-F	21	1-3	1-2	0-0	3	1	4	3	0	0	3
Pollino-F	24	1-4	0-0	2-2	3	2	0	0	0	1	4
Pryor-G	34	8-13	2-4	0-0	0	1	0	2	1	0	18
Frederick-G	34	1-9	0-4	3-4	12	1	1	5	1	2	5
Little-G	40	3-16	0-4	2-2	6	2	3	3	0	0	8
Babe	13	0-3	0-1	2-2	2	1	0	3	0	0	2
Thompson	11	1-5	1-4	2-2	0	1	1	0	0	0	5
Pyle	13	0-1	0-1	0-0	4	0	1	1	0	0	0
Peck	10	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	1	0	0	2
Team					3						
Totals	200	16-55	4-20	11-12	34	11	10	18	2	3	47

Halftime-PITT 27-23; FG pct. - PITT .438, DU .291; 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .308, DU .200; FT pct. - PITT .750, DU .917.

A - 1,063; Officials - Bill Titus, Joe Vaszily, Natasha Harris

To be continued...



Women's Basketball

Game 7 (6-1, 0-0 Big East)
Dec. 7, 2008

#24 Pitt 86, #8 Maryland 57
Petersen Events Center (12,508)

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Shavonte Zellous scored 20 of her 26 points in the second half to lead No. 24 Pittsburgh to an 86-57 upset of No. 8 Maryland on Sunday.

Xenia Stewart had 22 points, Shayla Scott added 13 and Taneisha Harrison had a career-high 12 assists for Pittsburgh (6-1), which won its sixth straight and beat a top 10 opponent for the second time in school history.

"This is the biggest win in our program's history," Pittsburgh coach Agnus Berenato told the crowd after the game.

Kristi Toliver scored 12 points and Lynetta Kizer had 10 for Maryland (7-2), which committed 22 turnovers in losing for the first time since a season-opening defeat at Texas Christian.

"Pitt just outworked, outthusted and outcompeted us for 40 minutes," Maryland coach Brenda Frese said. "All of the credit goes to Pitt. They did everything right. Everything we did was disappointing because we didn't compete."

Pittsburgh scored the first six points of the second half behind a free throw from Harrison, a basket from Pepper Wilson, and a 3-pointer from Zellous for a 45-32 lead.

The Panthers handed Maryland its biggest loss since a 74-44 defeat to Duke on March 6, 2005.

"I just thought it was an awesome performance," Berenato said. "We were well prepared, and it showed. It was a great victory."

Maryland (57)

Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Liles-F	33	3-6	0-0	3-4	7	4	0	4	0	0	9
Coleman-F	26	3-9	0-1	2-2	9	1	2	4	0	1	8
Kizer-C	25	4-9	0-0	2-4	4	2	1	3	2	0	10
Strickland-G	26	2-4	1-2	0-0	1	3	1	2	0	0	5
Toliver-G	33	4-11	3-3	1-2	2	0	3	4	0	0	12
Wiley-Gatewood	22	2-4	1-1	2-3	2	1	4	0	0	1	7
Barrett	15	2-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	4	0	0	4
Oyefuwa	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mingo	16	0-2	0-0	2-3	0	2	0	1	1	0	2
Team					3						
Totals	200	20-47	5-7	12-18	30	14	11	22	3	2	57

Pitt (86)

Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Stewart-F	29	8-11	3-3	3-4	4	3	0	0	0	1	22
Wilson-C	18	3-8	0-0	0-0	4	2	1	0	1	0	6
Zellous-G	32	10-22	4-8	2-2	5	3	2	3	1	1	26
Harrison-G	39	2-6	1-3	1-2	4	2	12	2	1	1	6
Scott-G	37	5-9	2-4	1-2	6	3	4	2	0	2	13
Sallard	17	2-7	1-3	2-2	3	1	3	1	0	1	7
Cole	10	1-3	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	0	0	0	2
Ogoke	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Popovec	16	1-3	0-0	2-4	7	4	1	2	1	1	4
Team					2						
Totals	200	32-69	11-21	11-16	38	19	23	10	4	7	86

Halftime-PITT 39-32; FG pct. - PITT .464, UM .426; 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .524, UM .714; FT pct. - PITT .688, UM .667.

A - 3,223; Officials - Sue Blauch, Kathleen Lynch, Denise Brooks-Clauser

Game 8 (7-1, 0-0 Big East)
Dec. 13, 2008

#16 Pitt 85, West Virginia State 37
Petersen Events Center (12,508)

PITTSBURGH - Pitt improved to 7-1 on the season behind five players in double digits as the 16th-ranked Panther women's basketball team defeated West Virginia State, 85-37, Saturday afternoon at the Petersen Events Center.

"I think this is how you have to win," head coach Agnus Berenato said. "We had five players in double figures today, and so many of our players contributing all different kinds of key stats. That's players stepping up and that's what good teams do."

Freshman Kate Popovec (Canfield, Ohio/Canfield) scored a career- and game-high 17 points and added 10 rebounds in the 48-point victory. Pitt has now won each of its seven games by an average of 33.9 points.

Shayla Scott (Monroeville, Pa./Gateway) earned career highs in both points and rebounds with 14 each in just 25 minutes of play. Also scoring in double figures on the day were Taneisha Harrison (Bowie, Md./St. John's College) with 15 points on 6 of 9 shooting, Chelsea Cole (Lumberton, N.J./Rancocas Valley) with 11 points and Shavonte Zellous (Orlando, Fla./Jones) with 10 points.

Pitt led by 14 at the half, 36-22, but pulled away early in the second and held the Yellow Jackets to just 15 points in the second half, while scoring 49. Pitt post players had most of the action as they out-scored West Virginia State 58-12 in the paint.

The Panthers shot 50.0 percent on the day (36 of 72) and out-rebounded the Yellow Jackets 61-28 for the most Pitt rebounds since it totaled 61 on Nov. 20, 2007 at Mount St. Mary's last season -- an 82-31 victory.

West Virginia State (37)

Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Coleman-F	39	5-15	0-1	2-2	3	3	2	1	0	2	12
Mingo-F	37	4-22	0-5	1-2	6	2	3	2	0	2	9
Finkton-C	20	1-7	0-0	0-0	4	4	0	2	0	1	2
Sierra-G	26	0-3	0-0	2-2	0	2	2	3	0	2	2
Setter-G	13	2-4	2-4	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	6
Alleyne	1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Davis	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hale	20	0-3	0-0	0-0	4	1	1	6	0	0	0
Matteson	20	2-7	2-5	0-0	5	0	2	3	0	0	6
Clough	21	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	4	0	1	0	0	0
White	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team					4						
Totals	200	14-64	4-16	5-6	28	16	11	19	0	7	37

Pitt (85)

Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Scott-F	25	5-11	0-1	4-6	14	0	3	1	2	0	14
Stewart-F	28	3-6	0-0	0-1	7	3	2	2	0	1	6
Wilson-C	24	4-7	0-0	0-0	8	1	0	2	1	1	8
Zellous-G	31	5-18	0-4	0-0	6	0	5	3	2	2	10
Harrison-G	28	6-9	2-2	1-2	5	2	3	1	0	2	15
Sallard	18	2-3	0-1	0-0	3	1	2	3	0	0	4
Cole	15	5-9	0-0	1-2	5	1	2	1	1	0	11
Ogoke	9	0-2	0-0	0-0	3	0	1	1	0	0	0
Popovec	22	6-7	0-0	5-8	10	1	3	1	3	0	17
Team					0						
Totals	200	36-72	2-8	11-19	61	9	21	15	9	6	85

Halftime-PITT 36-22; FG pct. - PITT .500, WV SU .219; 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .250, WV SU .250; FT pct. - PITT .579, WV SU .833.

A - 2,548; Officials - Angela Lewis, Carol Comanita, Kathy Lonergan

To be continued...



Women's Basketball

Game 9 (8-1, 0-0 Big East)

Dec. 16, 2008

#16 Pitt 98, Wagner 41

Petersen Events Center (12,508)

PITTSBURGH - The Pitt women's basketball team's dominance continued Tuesday night with a 98-41 win over Wagner as the 16th-ranked Panthers improved to 8-1 on the season.

"I am really proud of our team," head coach Agnus Berenato said. "Wagner did a great job, they fought until the end. Now we just need to focus on working hard and getting better. I think our girls really enjoy that. They like playing basketball with each other and the girls like wearing a Pitt uniform. They're a group that wants to get better."

Pitt had all five scorers tally double figure points, including 26 from senior guard Shavonte Zellous (Orlando, Fla./Jones), and the team contributed a school record-tying 12 blocks in the win.

Also scoring in double figures were Taneisha Harrison with 17, Shayla Scott and Xenia Stewart with 12 and Pepper Wilson with 10. Scott (Monroeville, Pa./Gateway) added eight rebounds and Stewart (Bowie, Md./Riverdale Baptist) added six rebounds and six assists.

Pitt out-rebounded the Seahawks 59 to 28 and forced 26 turnovers. The Panthers yet again shut down the opposing team's leading scorer as Wagner's Andrea Reed scored just six points on the night.

Pitt led 46-23 at the half, but pulled away in the second, outscoring Wagner 52-18 in the second half for the 57-point victory.

Wagner (41)

Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Poole-F	29	3-11	0-1	1-2	4	1	3	3	3	1	7
Patterson-F	14	1-5	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Clark-C	17	1-3	0-0	1-2	2	2	0	2	0	0	3
Stokes-G	37	0-4	0-2	2-2	6	3	3	2	1	2	2
Reed-G	35	3-6	0-0	0-0	1	4	3	7	1	1	6
Swartley	21	3-5	0-0	0-0	3	4	2	2	0	0	6
Hicks	22	3-9	0-0	3-3	3	2	1	7	0	0	9
Thorpe	25	3-11	0-0	0-0	3	3	1	2	0	0	6
Team					5						
Totals	200	17-54	0-3	7-9	28	21	13	26	5	4	41

Pitt (98)

Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Scott-F	24	2-8	1-3	7-8	8	1	2	2	2	1	12
Stewart-F	25	4-10	2-3	2-2	6	3	6	2	0	1	12
Wilson-C	23	3-5	0-0	4-4	6	2	2	1	2	1	10
Zellous-G	27	11-21	1-3	3-4	5	1	1	2	1	1	26
Harrison-G	29	5-11	1-3	6-10	3	2	1	3	0	0	17
Sallard	23	1-9	0-0	2-2	8	0	4	2	2	3	4
Cole	14	3-5	0-0	0-0	9	0	1	0	1	0	6
Ogoke	14	2-4	2-2	2-2	1	1	3	0	0	1	8
Popovec	21	1-5	0-0	1-2	8	2	0	1	4	0	3
Team					5						
Totals	200	32-78	7-14	27-34	59	12	20	13	12	8	98

Halftime-PITT 46-23; FG pct. - PITT .410, WC .315; 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .500, WC .000; FT pct. - PITT .794, WC .778.

A - 2,354; Officials - Kathleen Lynch, Kathy Ridilla, Kevin Pethel

Game 10 (9-1, 0-0 Big East)

Dec. 19, 2008

#16 Pitt 89, Florida A&M 59

Gaither Gym (3,365)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The Pitt women's basketball team can light up a scoreboard.

The No. 16 Panthers' 89-59 win Friday night over Florida A&M was the fourth straight game and eighth in the last nine that they eclipsed the 80-point mark.

Yet, it was Pitt's defense that kick-started the scoring at Gaither Gym.

The Panthers (9-1), winners of nine straight, held FAMU (4-5) to one basket from the floor in the game's first 7:58. Their long arms disrupted the Rattlers' passing lanes and Pitt turned 17 FAMU turnovers into 26 points.

"We like to get out and play defense," Panthers coach Agnus Berenato said. "We like to play strong on-ball defense."

Senior Xenia Stewart scored a season-high 27 points to lead the Panthers, hitting 3 of 4 shots from 3-point range.

"Xenia is our warrior," Berenato said. "She's so strong and so mentally tough. But that's just how she plays."

FAMU's 3-point shooting was one of the team's few bright spots. The Rattlers hit 6 of 11 shots from the 3-point line. Freshman Tameka McKelton led Florida A&M, shooting 3-for-4 from behind the arc and scoring 17 points.

Rattlers coach LeDawn Gibson said Pitt's defense was tough to overcome, as was the knowledge that FAMU was hosting a nationally ranked foe.

Shavonte Zellous scored 21 points for the Panthers and pulled down seven rebounds, while Shayla Scott had nine rebounds and nine points.

Antonia Bennett added nine points for FAMU, while Melissa Daniels scored seven points with seven rebounds. The Rattlers were without second-leading scorer Stephanie Foster for most of the game. Foster, suffering from the flu, played just seven minutes.

Pitt (89)

Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Scott-F	35	3-6	1-3	2-2	9	2	3	4	1	2	9
Stewart-G	34	9-17	3-4	6-7	4	2	0	3	0	4	27
Wilson-C	24	2-5	0-0	2-2	5	4	1	3	0	0	6
Zellous-G	25	5-10	1-2	10-12	7	4	2	4	1	2	21
Harrison-G	26	3-11	0-3	2-4	2	4	3	0	0	1	8
Sallard	23	3-8	1-3	4-5	5	2	1	1	0	2	11
Cole	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ogoke	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
Popovec	20	2-6	0-0	3-4	8	0	0	1	1	0	7
Team					7						
Totals	200	27-63	6-15	29-36	52	21	11	17	3	11	89

Florida A&M (59)

Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Bennett-F	29	2-11	2-5	3-5	4	2	1	1	2	1	9
Foster-F	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Tate-C	22	1-4	0-0	2-4	6	4	1	0	0	0	4
Jones-G	24	3-10	1-1	0-1	2	4	2	6	2	1	7
Dawson-G	23	1-5	0-0	2-2	2	2	1	4	0	2	4
McKelton	20	6-10	3-4	2-3	2	4	1	1	1	0	17
Hampton	10	3-7	0-1	2-2	4	1	0	1	0	0	8
Woods	9	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Donald	22	0-1	0-0	3-6	2	2	1	1	1	0	3
Daniels	24	3-6	0-0	1-2	7	3	0	2	1	0	7
Stallings	10	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	3	0	1	2	0	0
Team					5						
Totals	200	19-59	6-11	15-25	35	25	8	21	9	4	59

Halftime-PITT 51-26; FG pct. - PITT .429, FAMU .322; 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .400, FAMU .545; FT pct. - PITT .600, FAMU .806.

A - 127; Officials - Marissa Whaley, Richelle Brown, Sonny Scyphers

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Women's Basketball

Game 11 (9-2, 0-0 Big East)
Dec. 21, 2008
#20 Florida 90, #16 Pitt 83
O'Connell Center (12,000)

GAINESVILLE, Fla. -- Sha Brooks had 24 points and eight rebounds and Lonnik Thompson added a career-high 16 points Sunday, sending Florida (No. 24 ESPN/USA Today, No. 20 AP) past Pittsburgh (No. 19 ESPN/USA Today, No. 16 AP) 90-83.

The Gators (11-1) won their 11th consecutive game and snapped Pitt's nine-game winning streak.

Shavonte Zellous scored a career-high 42 points for the Panthers (9-2). She was 13-of-24 from the field, 3-of-4 from 3-point range and 13-of-14 from the line. Zellous, who grew up in nearby Orlando, also had six assists and four rebounds.

Xenia Stewart added 15 points for Pitt. Stewart and Zellous helped the Panthers turn a 55-46 deficit into a 70-62 lead midway through the second half.

But Thompson hit three consecutive 3-pointers to put the Gators go back in front for good. Florida used some offensive rebounds, a couple steals and four free throws in the final minute to seal the victory.

Pitt (83)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Wilson-C	37	4-7	0-0	0-0	10	4	0	6	1	1	8	
Zellous-G	38	13-24	3-4	13-14	4	2	6	4	0	0	42	
Harrison-G	35	3-10	1-3	0-0	5	3	3	1	0	0	7	
Scott-F	37	3-11	2-5	0-0	6	4	2	1	0	0	8	
Stewart-G	30	7-9	1-1	0-2	8	5	0	3	0	0	15	
Sallard	17	1-2	1-1	0-0	1	0	5	2	0	0	3	
Ogoke	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Popovec	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Team					4							
Totals	200	31-63	8-14	13-16	39	19	16	17	1	1	83	

Florida (90)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Smith-F	31	2-5	0-1	2-2	8	4	1	1	0	1	6	
Dotson-F	23	4-9	0-0	1-2	2	4	1	3	0	0	9	
Brooks-G	37	8-19	0-4	8-11	8	2	3	1	0	1	24	
Sorensen-G	31	5-10	5-10	0-0	4	2	5	0	0	1	15	
Mossor-G	23	4-9	1-3	2-2	2	2	1	2	0	0	11	
Thompson	23	5-6	4-4	2-2	0	2	0	0	0	1	16	
Madu	8	1-1	0-0	1-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Critton	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lucas	9	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	
Henry	19	2-5	0-0	2-2	5	1	3	0	1	3	6	
Team					3							
Totals	200	31-66	10-22	18-23	33	18	15	9	1	8	90	

Halftime-UF 46-44; FG pct. - PITT .492, UF .470; 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .571, UF .455; FT pct. - PITT .813, UF .783.

A - 1,377; Officials - June Corteau, Felicia Grinter, Bill Titus

Game 12 (10-2, 0-0 Big East)
Dec. 30, 2008
#19 Pitt 93, Western Kentucky 50
Petersen Events Center (12,508)

PITTSBURGH—For the fourth consecutive season, Pitt's women's basketball team earned its 10th win of the season before the month of January, as the Panthers garnered a 93-50 victory over Western Kentucky, this evening, at the Petersen Events Center. Pitt improved to 10-2 on the season.

Tonight's victory was also the 99th win for head coach Agnus Berenato at Pitt, as she has compiled a 99-68 record in her six seasons. This is also the fourth 40-plus margin of victory for the Panthers, this year.

Pitt was led by seniors Xenia Stewart (Bowie, Md./Riverdale Baptist) and Shavonte Zellous (Orlando, Fla./Jones) with 17 points, a piece.

Also scoring in double figures, sophomore Taneisha Harrison (Bowie, Md./St. John's College High) added 13 points and freshman Kate Popovec (Canfield, Ohio/Canfield) chipped in 10.

Falling one short of tying the school record for blocked shots, Pitt stuffed 11 shots on the night. Junior Sophronia Sallard (Syracuse, N.Y./Nottingham/Kansas), sophomore Shayla Scott (Monroeville, Pa./Gateway) and freshman Shawnice Wilson (Pittsburgh, Pa./Westinghouse) had three blocks each.

In the opening stanza, the Panthers and Hilltoppers went through eight lead changes before Pitt took the final lead with a 9-0 run that was sparked by a Popovec layup. The Panthers held a 37-24 advantage at halftime.

After the break, Pitt continued to push and extended its lead to 55-26 with an 18-2 run to open the second half.

Western Kentucky (50)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
A Brown-F	29	1-6	0-0	0-0	6	3	1	5	0	2	2	
Magley-F	24	3-10	0-1	0-0	5	3	0	1	1	0	6	
McNear-G	29	4-15	0-1	3-6	2	2	2	3	0	0	11	
Rich-G	38	5-9	1-3	2-2	2	0	1	1	1	1	13	
H Brown-G	28	3-9	2-2	4-4	1	4	2	5	0	0	12	
Thomas	12	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	
Owens	20	1-7	0-1	2-2	7	1	0	2	0	0	4	
Obafemi	10	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	
House	2	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Johnson	8	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	
Team					6							
Totals	200	18-62	3-9	11-14	33	15	7	18	3	3	50	

Pitt (93)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Scott-F	29	1-3	0-1	3-3	9	1	3	1	3	0	5	
Stewart-F	32	8-15	0-3	1-1	6	2	4	1	0	2	17	
Wilson-C	17	2-5	0-0	3-4	9	1	0	2	3	1	7	
Zellous-G	27	7-21	0-3	3-5	6	3	4	1	0	1	17	
Harrison-G	25	5-9	3-3	0-0	1	2	2	4	0	0	13	
Sallard	22	4-6	0-2	0-0	3	1	3	0	3	0	8	
Cole	20	2-5	0-0	1-4	6	1	1	1	1	2	5	
Ogoke	4	1-1	0-0	1-2	0	2	0	0	0	1	3	
Nwude	9	4-5	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	0	1	0	8	
Popovec	15	5-7	0-0	0-0	8	2	0	0	0	1	10	
Team					4							
Totals	200	39-77	3-12	12-19	55	16	17	10	11	8	93	

Halftime-PITT 37-24; FG pct. - PITT .506, WKU .290; 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .250, WKU .333; FT pct. - PITT .632, WKU .786.

A - 3,402; Officials - Kathleen Lynch, Angie Enlund, Kevin Pethel

To be continued...



Women's Basketball

Game 13 (11-2, 1-0 Big East)
Jan. 4, 2009

#19 Pitt 72, West Virginia 63
Petersen Events Center (12,508)

PITTSBURGH (AP) -Shavonte Zellous had 34 points and No. 19 Pittsburgh scored the game's last eight points to beat West Virginia 72-63 in the Big East opener for both schools Sunday.

Xenia Stewart scored 12 points as Pitt (11-2, 1-0) earned its 10th win in 11 games and the 100th for coach Agnus Berenato in her six seasons at the school.

Takisha Granberry scored 22 points for West Virginia (10-3, 0-1), which rallied from a 57-47 deficit to close to within one point at 64-63 on Granberry's basket with 2:13 remaining. But Zellous scored on Pitt's next two possessions, and the Panthers added four free throws in the final minute to win.

Zellous, who also had five rebounds and four assists, scored twice and Stewart and Taneisha Harrison each hit 3-pointers during a 10-0 run that gave Pitt its 57-47 lead.

Liz Repella scored 18 points and Sarah Miles had 14 for West Virginia.

West Virginia (63)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Repella-F	35	6-15	3-8	3-4	4	4	1	4	0	1	18	
Granberry-F	38	9-19	4-8	0-0	8	3	3	5	0	3	22	
Burton-C	32	4-6	0-0	0-1	4	3	0	2	0	1	8	
Miles-G	38	4-8	1-2	3-4	4	3	3	2	0	2	12	
Powell-G	33	0-3	0-0	0-0	3	4	7	5	0	0	0	
Dixon	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sanabria	11	1-3	1-2	0-0	2	0	2	2	0	0	3	
Keehan	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Fullard	7	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	
Team					5							
Totals	200	24-58	9-20	6-9	32	19	16	22	0	7	63	

Pitt (72)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Scott-F	32	2-6	1-1	3-4	5	2	1	0	0	0	8	
Stewart-F	34	3-7	1-1	5-7	2	3	2	2	0	2	12	
Wilson-C	15	0-2	0-0	2-2	2	2	0	1	2	0	2	
Zellous-G	33	12-20	3-6	7-9	5	2	4	2	0	1	34	
Harrison-G	22	2-5	1-2	0-0	3	1	1	7	2	0	5	
Sallard	30	2-10	0-1	22	4	1	1	2	0	1	6	
Cole	15	0-1	0-0	0-0	7	0	1	2	1	0	0	
Nwude	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Popovec	15	0-2	0-0	3-4	5	0	0	0	2	0	3	
Team					4							
Totals	200	22-54	6-11	22-28	37	11	10	16	7	4	72	

Halftime-PITT 34-31; FG pct. - PITT .407, WVU .414; 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .545, WVU .450; FT pct. - PITT .786, WVU .667.

A - 4,528; Officials - Bonita Spence, Joanne Aldrich, Diana DePaul

Game 14 (11-3, 1-1 Big East)
Jan. 7, 2009

Providence 77, #19 Pitt 69
Alumni Hall (2,620)

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) -- Emily Cournoyer scored a season-best 19 points with 11 rebounds to propel Providence to a 77-69 upset of Pittsburgh (No. 20 ESPN/USA Today, No. 19 AP) on Wednesday night.

The Friars' win overshadowed the performance of Shavonte Zellous, who scored 28 points for Pitt (11-3, 1-1 Big East). Zellous, the nation's fourth-leading scorer at 23.1 points per game, had 16 in the first half.

The win snapped a three-game losing streak for Providence (7-7, 1-1 Big East), which also got 14 points from Mi-Khida Hankins and 13 from Trinity Hull.

Providence narrowed a 23-14 deficit with a 12-2 run late in the opening half to take the lead. Catherine Bove's 3-pointer with two minutes remaining in the first half pushed Providence's advantage to 34-27.

Providence's 40 points in the first half were a season high for the Friars, who led by as many as 16 with 9:14 to go in the second half.

Providence shot 53.8 percent from the field in the second half to Pitt's 34.3 percent.

The last time the Friars defeated a ranked opponent was Feb. 19, 2008, when they topped then-No. 22 Syracuse 62-58 at home.

Pitt (69)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Zellous-G	37	9-20	0-3	10-12	1	4	1	2	0	2	28	
Harrison-G	14	0-4	0-0	0-1	5	0	2	1	0	1	0	
Scott-F	23	1-9	0-3	0-0	2	3	0	1	0	0	2	
Stewart-G	39	5-13	0-1	8-10	8	2	1	2	1	6	18	
Wilson-C	11	2-4	0-0	2-2	2	3	0	3	0	1	6	
Sallard	24	3-7	0-0	1-2	4	2	1	2	0	3	7	
Cole	30	1-2	0-0	2-3	8	3	1	2	3	3	4	
Ogoke	12	0-4	0-4	0-0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	
Nwude	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Popovec	8	2-4	0-0	0-1	1	3	0	1	1	0	4	
Team					3	1						
Totals	200	23-68	0-11	23-31	35	22	6	14	6	16	69	

Providence (77)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Darrian*	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	4	0	0	2	1	1	0	
Hull*	25	5-6	1-1	2-2	4	2	3	5	0	1	13	
Marandola*	33	3-10	0-2	2-2	8	3	4	4	0	0	8	
Hankins*	30	4-14	0-0	6-8	3	5	2	4	3	0	14	
Cournoyer*	31	8-13	0-0	3-3	11	3	4	5	4	1	19	
Dorsey	20	3-5	2-3	2-3	5	2	1	3	0	2	10	
Wells	20	0-3	0-1	1-2	0	3	1	2	0	0	1	
Bove	25	4-9	2-2	0-0	6	2	1	0	1	1	10	
Clark	8	0-0	0-0	2-2	4	2	1	0	1	0	2	
Team					7							
Totals	200	27-61	5-9	18-22	52	22	17	25	10	6	77	

Halftime-PC 40-31; FG pct. - PITT .338, PC .443; 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .000, PC .556; FT pct. - PITT .742, PC .818.

A - 251; Officials - Patti Fernandes, Tom Danaher, Mark Zentz

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Women's Basketball

Game 15 (11-4, 1-2 Big East)
Jan. 10, 2009
DePaul 69, #19 Pitt 62
Petersen Events Center (12,508)

PITTSBURGH (AP) -Natasha Williams scored 27 points, Deirdre Naughton added 24 and DePaul rallied from a nine-point second-half deficit to hand No. 19 Pittsburgh its second consecutive loss, 69-62 on Saturday.

Shavonte Zellous had 26 points, six rebounds and five assists, but no other Pitt player scored in double figures as the Panthers shot 34.5 percent (20-of-58). The Panthers were coming off a 77-69 loss at Providence on Wednesday.

Pitt (11-4, 1-2 in Big East) led 43-34 with 18:44 remaining, but then went scoreless for nearly 6 1/2 minutes.

Naughton's 3-pointer put DePaul (13-4, 1-2) ahead for good at 53-52 with 5:53 remaining. Naughton later hit another 3 and scored off Felicia Chester's steal on consecutive possessions to make it 60-54 with 4:04 to go.

The Blue Demons closed it out by outscoring Pitt 7-2 over the last 3:21.

DePaul won for the first time in three Big East games, but its two losses were to No. 10 Louisville and No. 12 Notre Dame.

DePaul (69)											
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Hampton-F	15	3-3	0-0	0-0	1	5	3	1	0	1	6
Chester-F	27	1-3	0-0	2-3	9	4	0	1	2	2	4
Williams-C	35	10-17	0-0	7-8	10	3	2	1	0	0	27
Quigley-G	33	2-9	0-3	2-4	3	2	6	4	0	2	6
Naughton-G	36	9-18	5-10	1-3	4	0	4	2	0	0	24
Cattell	13	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	1	4	0	0	0
Threath	25	0-3	0-2	2-2	2	4	1	2	0	1	2
Medley	8	0-2	0-1	0-0	5	1	0	1	0	0	0
Havel	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Team					2						
Totals	200	25-57	5-16	14-20	39	21	17	16	2	6	69

Pitt (69)											
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Scott-F	30	2-8	0-2	1-4	2	2	5	0	2	2	5
Stewart-F	26	1-3	0-0	2-2	7	4	2	1	0	0	4
Wilson-C	27	3-7	0-0	1-1	4	2	0	6	0	1	7
Zellous-G	37	7-19	3-8	9-14	6	1	5	4	0	0	26
Sallard-G	33	4-10	1-2	0-0	3	2	1	3	0	0	9
Harrison	22	3-8	1-3	2-2	1	3	1	1	0	0	9
Cole	20	0-2	0-0	2-2	8	1	0	2	0	0	2
Ogoke	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nwude	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team					6						
Totals	200	20-58	5-15	17-25	37	15	14	18	2	3	62

Halftime-PITT 39-34; FG pct. - PITT .345, DU .439; 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .333, DU .313; FT pct. - PITT .680, DU .700.

A - 3,552; Officials - Barbara Jo Smith, Eric Brewton, Kathy Ridilla

Game 16 (12-4, 2-2 Big East)
Jan. 17, 2009
Pitt 79, USF 47
Petersen Events Center (12,508)

Behind 27 points from senior Shavonte Zellous, the Pitt women's basketball team (12-4, 2-2 Big East) got back on the winning track with a 79-47 dominating victory over USF (14-5, 1-4 Big East) Saturday afternoon at the Petersen Events Center.

The 32-point victory is the largest Pitt win over the Bulls in school history and is the Panthers' seventh 30-point win this season.

"I thought with the week off we really prepared for South Florida," head coach Agnus Berenato said. "I've got to give credit to Xenia Stewart. She gave us 26 minutes running the point, had nine assists and didn't turn the ball over once. Our seniors knew how much we really needed this win and they came out a little too fast, but I thought their leadership really got us going."

Although there were four lead changes, Pitt pulled away mid-way through the first half with an 11-0 run to take the 22-13 lead for good. Sophomore Shayla Scott (Monroeville, Pa./Gateway) got the team started with two quick three-pointers in the first two and a half minutes of the game. Scott went on to score nine, while adding seven rebounds.

Zellous (Orlando, Fla./Jones), in addition to her game-high 27 points, added seven rebounds, three blocks, two assists and two steals in 32 minutes. She shot 3 of 8 from three-point range and was 8-for-9 from the free throw line. The senior guard is currently second in the country and first in the Big East in scoring with 23.8 points per game.

Also scoring in double figures for the Panthers in the win were Taneisha Harrison (Bowie, Md./St. John's College) with 13 points and Pepper Wilson (Pittsburgh, Pa./Westinghouse), who earned her first career double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Chelsea Cole (Lumberton, N.J./Rancocas Valley) grabbed a career-high 12 rebounds on the day and senior Xenia Stewart (Bowie, Md./Riverdale Baptist) dished out nine assists without a single turnover from the point guard position.

USF (47)											
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Denson	24	1-6	0-0	1-2	3	5	0	0	3	1	3
Lawson	25	2-6	0-0	3-4	3	2	0	3	1	1	7
Grace	25	2-10	0-6	3-5	3	0	3	2	0	1	7
Sepulveda	15	2-5	1-4	0-0	1	2	1	3	0	1	5
Stokes	21	0-5	0-5	2-2	3	0	0	1	0	0	2
Wynne	24	1-7	0-2	0-0	2	0	1	3	1	0	2
Ayers	4	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Grant	21	5-10	0-0	1-2	11	1	1	3	2	0	11
Speed	12	0-3	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Sanders	14	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	1	0	1	0	0
Varney	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Dalembert	11	3-10	0-0	1-2	5	1	0	2	0	0	7
Team					9						
Totals	200	17-65	2-19	11-17	42	14	9	18	8	4	47

Pitt (79)											
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Scott-F	20	3-7	3-5	0-0	7	4	1	3	0	1	9
Stewart-G	27	1-7	1-2	0-0	3	3	9	0	0	2	3
Wilson-C	21	6-8	0-0	0-0	10	5	0	5	1	0	12
Zellous-G	32	8-21	3-8	8-9	7	1	2	2	3	2	27
Sallard-F	27	3-6	0-0	2-2	1	1	3	1	0	1	8
Harrison	30	4-15	1-6	4-4	5	0	0	2	0	1	13
Cole	27	2-5	0-0	0-0	12	0	2	1	2	0	4
Nwude	16	1-3	0-0	1-2	1	2	0	0	1	0	3
Team					9						
Totals	200	28-72	8-21	15-17	55	16	17	14	7	7	79

Halftime-PITT 37-19; FG pct. - PITT .389, USF .262; 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .381, USF .105; FT pct. - PITT .882, USF .647.

A - 4,379; Officials - Mark Zentz, Laura Morris, Kenneth Weiland

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Women's Basketball

Game 17 (13-4, 3-2 Big East)
Jan. 20, 2009
#25 Pitt 76, Seton Hall 40
Walsh Gym (2,600)

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — After losing two straight Big East contests and falling out of the women's basketball Top 25 for the first time in six weeks, the Pitt Panthers wanted to make sure their return to the nation's elite would be permanent.

"Every team has a downfall," said Pitt senior guard Shavonte Zellous, whose 29 points, 11 rebounds, five assists and four blocks led the Panthers past Seton Hall 76-40 Tuesday night. "We wanted to make a statement that Pitt still has a good team. It's one of our goals to remain in the Top 25."

After losing consecutive games to Providence and DePaul, the Panthers (13-4, 3-2 Big East) have enjoyed two straight blowout wins. They beat South Florida 79-47 on Saturday.

"We know how hard it is to win on the road in this conference," said Zellous, the nation's second-leading scorer, averaging 23.8 points per game. "We wanted to come out tonight and throw the first punch."

The Panthers, who never trailed, broke the game open in the first half, going on two big runs. The first, a 10-0 stretch over 3:27, pushed the lead to 22-7 with 10:12 remaining.

The second, an 11-0 run over 4:11, put the game out of reach at 36-11 with 3:19 remaining. Zellous scored the final five points of that run, part of her 16 first-half points.

"Shavonte is one of the greatest players in the country," said teammate Sophronia Sallard, who added 12 points. "When she's on a roll, we just let her go. I kind of enjoy watching it, because she's fun to watch."

Sallard said that the Panthers took their omission from the Top 25 last week to heart.

"Of course, everyone on the team took it personal," Sallard said. "It's good to be back in there and we want to stay there."

Pitt (76)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Scott-F	26	5-10	0-1	0-0	7	5	1	0	1	0	10	
Wilson-C	18	1-6	0-0	0-0	4	4	1	2	0	0	2	
Zellous-G	31	10-16	5-8	4-4	11	0	5	3	4	2	29	
Sallard-F	32	5-8	0-1	2-2	1	1	4	0	0	0	12	
Stewart-G	30	3-8	0-0	2-2	3	1	4	3	0	3	8	
Harrison	17	3-8	1-2	2-2	0	0	1	2	2	0	9	
Cole	27	2-7	0-0	0-0	6	2	1	2	2	1	4	
Ogoke	8	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	
Nwude	11	0-2	0-0	0-0	3	2	0	1	1	1	0	
Team					7							
Totals	200	30-67	6-12	10-10	42	15	17	16	10	7	76	

Seton Hall (40)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Womack-F	32	3-9	0-0	0-0	7	2	1	3	1	2	6	
Emery-F	26	3-11	1-4	1-2	0	2	1	2	2	0	8	
Rhodin-F	26	3-7	1-4	0-0	1	3	0	1	1	2	7	
Brown-G	21	0-2	0-1	0-0	3	2	1	3	0	0	0	
Williams-G	34	2-7	1-5	0-0	2	0	1	2	0	1	5	
Booker	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Joseph	11	1-5	0-0	1-2	2	1	0	1	0	0	3	
Heber	14	0-3	0-0	2-2	1	0	3	3	0	0	2	
Wood	13	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	3	0	0	0	
Green	18	1-8	0-0	7-8	8	1	0	1	0	0	9	
Team					4							
Totals	200	13-54	3-14	11-14	30	13	7	21	4	5	40	

Halftime-PITT 76-40; FG pct. - PITT .448, SHU .241; 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .500, SHU .214; FT pct. - PITT 1.000, SHU .786.

A - 525; Officials - Dennis DeMayo, June Corteau, Rachele Jones

Game 18 (14-4, 4-2 Big East)
Jan. 24, 2009
#25 Pitt 77, Syracuse 75
Carrier Dome (33,633)

SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- Xenia Stewart hit a pullup jumper from right wing at the final buzzer and No. 25 Pittsburgh held off Syracuse 77-75 on Saturday.

The Panthers (14-4, 4-2 Big East) led most of the way and made six straight free throws to take a 75-70 lead with 1:27 to go. Syracuse (13-6, 2-4) then tied it after Erica Morrow swished a 3-pointer from the top of the key and Chandrea Jones converted a driving layup with 19.7 seconds left.

Pittsburgh called a timeout with 8.6 seconds to go to set up a final shot, and Stewart was left all alone for the winner after the Orange concentrated on Big East scoring leader Shavonte Zellous.

Zellous, who assisted on the winning basket, led Pitt with 15 points on 3-for-12 shooting, Shayla Scott and Taneisha Harrison each had 13, Stewart finished with 11, and Chelsea Cole had nine points and 11 rebounds.

Pittsburgh has now beaten Syracuse three straight times on the Orange's home court and has won four straight in the series. But the Orange made this one difficult throughout, concentrating defensively on Zellous, who was averaging 24 points a game.

Zellous was 1-for-4 from beyond the arc in the first half and did not attempt another. She scored only six points in the second half, four on free throws, and played the final six minutes with four fouls.

Pittsburgh held 10-point leads in both halves, but after a three-point play by Pepper Wilson gave the Panthers a 57-47 lead with 15:07 left, Syracuse continued to display plenty of resolve in the wake of a 54-point loss to top-ranked Connecticut a week earlier.

The Orange responded with their second 14-4 run of the game. Tyler Ash began the spurt by converting two follow shots and Morrow finished it with a 3-pointer and driving layup to tie it at 61-all at 9:21.

After Vionca Murray hit three free throws to give Syracuse only its second lead of the game, 68-67 with 6:01 left, Scott fed Cole for a layup to give Pitt the lead back and the Panthers managed to hold it.

Harrison made four straight free throws and Stewart hit two more to give the Panthers a 75-70 lead with 87 seconds to play.

Pitt (77)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Sallard-F	20	3-7	0-1	1-2	1	4	3	2	0	2	7	
Scott-F	37	6-13	1-5	0-0	7	1	2	0	2	2	13	
Wilson-C	20	4-4	0-0	1-1	7	1	0	4	3	0	9	
Zellous-G	36	3-12	1-4	8-14	7	4	6	6	1	2	15	
Stewart-G	34	4-10	1-5	2-2	2	2	4	2	0	1	11	
Harrison	28	4-10	1-3	4-4	6	3	3	4	0	0	13	
Cole	25	4-6	0-0	1-1	11	3	0	2	5	1	9	
Team					6							
Totals	200	28-62	4-18	17-24	47	18	18	21	11	8	77	

Syracuse (75)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Murray-F	19	1-3	0-0	5-6	3	1	0	2	0	0	7	
Michael-F	28	8-14	1-1	3-3	7	4	1	4	2	0	20	
Harris-G	31	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	4	6	4	0	1	0	
Morrow-G	39	5-14	4-6	2-2	1	3	2	3	0	5	16	
Jones-G	38	6-22	2-9	9-12	10	2	0	1	0	0	23	
Gobuty	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Berry	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	
Ward	22	2-8	0-0	1-1	7	3	2	2	0	2	5	
Ash	7	2-2	0-0	0-0	3	2	0	1	0	0	4	
Team					3							
Totals	200	42-39	7-17	20-24	37	22	12	18	2	8	75	

Halftime-PITT 42-39; FG pct. - PITT .452, SU .364; 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .222, SU .412; FT pct. - PITT .708, SU .833.

A - 1,647; Officials - Kathleen Lynch, Sue Blauch, Bryan Brunette

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Women's Basketball

Game 19 (15-4, 5-2 Big East)
Jan. 27, 2009

#21 Pitt 50, Georgetown 39
McDonough Gymnasium (2,400)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Savonte Zellous scored 15 of her 19 points in the second half to lead No. 21 Pittsburgh to a 50-39 win against Georgetown.

Xenia Stewart scored all 11 of her points in the first half for the Panthers. Shayla Scott had her third double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Pittsburgh (15-4, 5-2 Big East) tied its season low for total points, but still won its fourth game in a row.

For Georgetown (13-7, 3-4), it was the fewest points the Hoyas have scored since losing to Pittsburgh 70-33 in the final game last season.

Karee Houlette led the Hoyas with 11 points.

The Panthers trailed 27-23 at halftime, but took the lead with a 13-0 run to open the second half--with nine of the points coming from Zellous--holding Georgetown scoreless for nearly eight minutes.

Zellous led the Big East in scoring entering the game, averaging 23.6 points, but she finished the first half with nearly as many fouls--three--as points, picking up a personal and a technical in a skirmish for a loose ball in the final seconds before halftime.

After going 1-of-6 from the field in the first half, she came out aggressively in the second half, sparking the Panthers' moribund offense and helping Pittsburgh build the lead.

Both teams struggled on offense before halftime--Pittsburgh's 23 first-half points tied their lowest output in any half this season. But while the Panthers' fortunes improved after halftime, the Hoyas' did not. Georgetown was 4-of-26 in the second half, scoring a season-low 12 points.

Pitt (50)											
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Zellous-G	38	6-16	1-8	6-7	6	3	3	3	0	0	19
Sallard-F	15	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	1	3	0	0	0
Scott-F	37	4-9	0-1	2-2	11	3	0	2	2	0	10
Stewart-G	38	5-14	1-3	0-0	5	1	2	4	0	2	11
Wilson-C	21	1-6	0-0	0-0	8	2	0	1	2	0	2
Harrison	30	1-10	0-2	2-4	2	3	1	2	1	2	4
Cole	22	1-3	0-0	2-2	10	2	0	2	1	0	4
Team					4						
Totals	200	18-59	2-14	12-15	48	16	7	18	6	4	50

Georgetown (39)											
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Houlette*	37	3-10	3-7	2-2	2	2	0	3	0	1	11
Crawford*	19	0-0	0-0	2-4	2	4	0	1	0	0	2
McNutt*	26	2-5	0-1	0-0	6	4	0	1	0	3	4
Fuller*	37	1-11	1-2	0-0	5	3	6	4	0	1	3
Hutton*	20	4-8	0-0	1-5	5	3	0	3	1	0	9
Magee	11	0-2	0-0	2-2	1	2	0	2	0	0	2
Wright	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cox	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McBride	25	1-5	0-0	0-0	4	1	1	3	0	0	2
Williams	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kirkland	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reese	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butler	9	3-6	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	1	1	1	6
Roche	3	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Team					5						
Totals	200	14-50	4-11	7-13	34	19	7	20	2	6	39

Halftime-GU 27-23; FG pct. - PITT .305, GU .280. 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .143, GU .364; FT pct. - PITT .800, GU .538.

A - 617; Officials - Dee Kantner, Mark Zentz, Angie Lewis

Game 20 (16-4, 6-2 Big East)
Jan. 30, 2009

#21 Pitt 86, Marquette 54
Petersen Events Center (12,508)

PITTSBURGH (AP) -- Shavonte Zellous scored 31 points and No. 21 Pittsburgh won its fifth straight game, 86-54 over Marquette on Friday night.

Zellous, the leading scorer in the Big East, moved within 21 points of becoming Pitt's third 2,000-point scorer. Pepper Wilson had 13 points and 17 rebounds, and Taneisha Harrison added 15 points for the Panthers (16-4, 6-2).

Krystal Ellis scored 13 points for Marquette (12-9, 3-4), which leads the series 4-2.

The Golden Eagles struggled from the start and finished 16-for-61 from the field (26 percent). They didn't make more than nine shots in either half.

Zellous shot 6-for-12 and scored 17 points in the first half as the Panthers raced to a 43-21 lead.

Pittsburgh outrebounded Marquette 50-36 and outscored the Eagles 32-20 in the paint.

Marquette (54)											
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Pachko-F	24	2-5	0-0	3-4	1	1	1	2	1	0	7
Jones-C	15	1-5	0-0	0-2	4	2	1	2	0	1	2
Robinson-G	26	2-18	0-3	5-6	8	3	2	1	0	1	9
Monfre-G	16	0-3	0-3	1-2	2	1	1	3	0	0	1
McMorris-G	17	1-2	1-1	0-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	3
Collins	11	1-3	0-0	1-2	2	1	1	0	0	0	3
Weibel	7	1-3	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
Harris	16	1-2	0-0	2-2	2	1	0	1	0	0	4
Ellis	27	5-10	1-3	2-2	1	1	2	3	0	3	13
Thomas-Johnson	11	0-2	0-1	2-2	1	4	0	1	0	0	2
Fiedorowicz	17	1-5	0-0	3-4	4	1	0	0	0	0	5
Thrower	13	1-3	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	0	2	0	2
Team					6						
Totals	200	16-61	3-14	19-26	36	17	9	14	3	5	54

Pitt (86)											
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Sallard-F	23	2-6	0-1	0-0	5	4	2	2	2	0	4
Scott-F	32	4-8	1-2	0-0	4	2	2	0	2	2	9
Wilson-C	33	5-9	0-0	3-4	17	1	4	2	3	3	13
Zellous-G	35	11-20	3-6	6-7	4	1	3	1	0	2	31
Stewart-G	36	2-10	1-3	1-3	2	3	3	3	1	1	6
Harrison	22	7-11	1-2	0-0	4	2	1	2	1	0	15
Cole	10	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	2	1	2	1	0	2
Ogoke	3	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Nwude	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	0	1	0	2
Popovec	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Team					9						
Totals	200	35-70	6-14	10-15	50	17	17	13	11	8	86

Halftime-PITT 43-21; FG pct. - PITT .500, MU .262. 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .429, MU .214; FT pct. - PITT .667, MU .731.

A - 5,684; Officials - Bill Titus, Denise Brooks-Clauser, Angie Enlund

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Women's Basketball

Game 21 (17-4, 7-2 Big East)

Feb. 3, 2009

#22 Pitt 82, #19 Notre Dame 70

Petersen Events Center (12,508)

Pittsburgh (AP) - Shavonte Zellous scored 29 points, surpassing 2,000 in her career, and No. 22 Pittsburgh beat No. 19 Notre Dame 82-70 on Tuesday night for its sixth straight victory.

Xenia Stewart and Taneisha Harrison scored 17 points and Shayla Scott added 11 points and a career-high 18 rebounds for the Panthers (17-4, 7-2 Big East).

Pepper Wilson had 12 rebounds for Pittsburgh, which beat Notre Dame for the third time in the past four games. Notre Dame leads the series 17-3.

Becca Bruszewski and Erica Solomon scored 14 points for Notre Dame (16-5, 5-4), which has lost four of its past six games.

Zellous, the Big East's leading scorer, became the third player in school history to surpass 2,000 points when she made a one-handed lay-in with 12:30 left in the game. She was fouled on the play by Ashley Barlow, but missed the free throw.

Notre Dame, which never led, closed to 49-48 on Erica Williamson's basket 5 minutes into the second half. Zellous then scored eight points during a 14-6 Pitt run which put the Panthers ahead 63-54. The Irish got no closer than seven points the rest of the way.

Zellous scored 11 of Pitt's first 21 points but was limited to 12 minutes in the first half because of foul trouble.

Pitt raced out to leads of 8-0 and 15-4. The Irish got as close as three points before a late run by the Panthers gave them a 40-31 halftime lead.

Notre Dame (70)											
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Bruszewski-F	30	7-13	0-1	0-0	6	3	3	0	3	0	14
Williamson-C	10	2-4	0-0	2-2	1	4	0	1	1	1	6
Barlow-G	32	3-9	0-1	0-0	3	2	4	0	0	1	6
Lechlitner-G	31	3-11	1-3	2-4	2	3	4	2	0	2	9
Schrader-G	28	3-15	0-0	2-3	7	0	2	1	0	1	8
Solomon	23	6-11	0-0	2-4	8	4	1	1	1	0	14
Watson	19	2-8	1-5	0-0	3	0	2	0	1	0	5
Novosel	27	3-7	0-0	2-2	4	2	3	3	0	2	8
Team					8						
Totals	200	29-78	2-10	10-15	42	18	19	9	6	7	70

Pitt (82)											
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Sallard-F	25	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2
Scott-F	35	5-13	1-3	0-0	18	3	3	3	1	0	11
Wilson-C	35	2-7	0-0	0-1	12	2	1	5	3	0	4
Zellous-G	31	10-18	4-5	5-7	7	2	3	2	0	0	29
Stewart-G	37	5-10	2-3	5-6	4	0	7	2	1	0	17
Harrison	25	6-13	0-1	5-5	3	4	3	4	0	1	17
Cole	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0
Ogoke	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Popovec	6	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Team					3						
Totals	200	30-66	7-12	15-19	48	14	19	18	6	1	82

Halftime-PITT 40-31; FG pct. - PITT .455, UND .372. 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .583, UND .200; FT pct. - PITT .789, UND .667.

A - 3,813; Officials - Sue Blauch, June Courteau, Jesse Dickerson

Game 22 (18-4, 8-2 Big East)

Feb. 10, 2009

#19 Pitt 61, Rutgers 53 (OT)

Louis Brown Athletic Center (8,000)

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) - Sophronia Sallard scored a career-high 20 points and Shayla Scott hit consecutive 3-pointers in overtime to help No. 19 Pittsburgh beat Rutgers 61-53 on Tuesday night, ending a 13-game losing streak to its Big East rival.

Scott finished with 12 points and 12 rebounds and Shavonte Zellous added 15 points for Pitt (18-4, 8-2), which has won seven straight. Epiphanny Prince scored 21 points for Rutgers (13-9, 5-6), which hadn't lost to Pitt in 11 years.

With the game tied at 49 in overtime, Scott hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key to give Pitt a three-point advantage. Prince made a layup to cut the deficit to one before Scott hit another 3-pointer from the corner with 1:16 left to make it a four-point game.

Prince missed a 3-pointer in the corner and Sallard hit two free throws to seal the victory.

Rutgers held a 41-33 lead with 8:35 left in regulation before Pittsburgh went on a 10-2 run to tie it at 43. Sallard and Scott scored eight of the 10 points during the spurt. Sallard hit a jumper to tie it at 45 on the next possession.

Prince missed a floater in the lane with 35 seconds to go and on the ensuing rebound Nikki Speed threw the ball away giving Pittsburgh one last chance to win in regulation.

Sallard missed a 15-footer and Scott's follow was blocked out of bounds with 2.3 seconds left. Zellous caught the ball in the corner off the inbounds, but her jumper bounced off the rim as time expired sending the game to overtime.

Zellous, who came in leading the Big East with 24 points a game, was just 5-for-16 shooting. She became the third Pitt women's basketball player to score 2,000 points when she had 29 points in the Panthers' 82-70 victory over Notre Dame on Feb. 3.

Pitt was averaging 79 points before scoring a season-low against Rutgers. The Panthers struggled to get points against the Scarlet Knights, settling for jumpers.

The Panthers, who averaged 21 free-throw attempts a game didn't take their first until Zellous was fouled on the fastbreak nearly 2 minutes into overtime.

Pitt (61)											
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Wilson-C	15	0-1	0-0	0-0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Zellous-G	43	5-16	1-6	4-4	5	2	3	3	0	3	15
Sallard-F	33	9-15	0-1	2-2	1	1	3	1	0	1	20
Scott-F	40	5-14	2-5	0-0	12	0	3	1	0	1	12
Stewart-G	30	1-3	0-1	0-0	2	1	3	2	0	0	2
Harrison	29	5-12	2-5	0-0	3	2	2	1	1	0	12
Cole	22	0-3	0-0	0-0	6	4	0	2	0	1	0
Nwude	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Popovec	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team					6						
Totals	200	25-65	5-18	6-6	39	13	16	10	1	6	61

Rutgers (53)											
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Zurich-F	30	2-5	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	1	3	0	4
Junaid-C	17	2-4	0-0	1-2	5	3	0	1	0	0	5
Rushdan-G	11	1-3	0-0	1-2	2	2	0	0	0	0	3
Prince-G	45	7-18	0-6	7-8	8	4	3	2	1	2	21
Ray-G	45	3-15	0-4	3-4	6	1	4	1	0	1	9
Speed	33	0-1	0-0	0-0	5	1	2	4	0	1	0
Vaughn	35	5-10	0-0	1-4	8	3	0	1	1	1	11
McCurdy	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lee	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team					2						
Totals	200	20-56	0-10	13-20	38	16	11	10	5	5	53

Halftime-PITT 25-24; FG pct. - PITT .385, RU .357. 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .278, RU .000; FT pct. - PITT 1.000, RU .650.

A - 3,203; Officials - Dennis DeMayo, Lisa Mattingly, Eric Brewton

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Women's Basketball

Game 23 (18-5, 8-3 Big East)

Feb. 15, 2009

#1 Connecticut 95, #19 Pitt 42

Gampel Pavilion (10,167)

STORRS, Conn. (AP) - It was a special day for Renee Montgomery.

Montgomery became the first active player in UConn history to have her jersey put up in the Huskies of Honor and she scored 20 points to help the top-ranked Huskies beat No. 19 Pittsburgh 95-42 on Sunday.

Connecticut scored the game's first seven points before Shayla Scott hit a 3-pointer for Pitt. UConn then went on a 15-0 run that included five points by Montgomery to build a 22-3 lead just 5 minutes into the game.

"The way we played today it would have been hard for anyone to beat us," Auriemma said. "We played really, really well today."

Shavonte Zellous scored 16 points to lead the Panthers (18-5, 8-3), who never recovered and could only get within 16 points the rest of the game.

Maya Moore added her 14th double-double of the season with 18 points and 12 rebounds for the Huskies, while Tina Charles had 18 points and 11 rebounds, and Kalana Greene had 11 points and 11 rebounds. It was second time Connecticut had three players with double-doubles. Tiffany Hayes scored 15 points, marking the 11th time this season UConn has had five players score in double figures.

The Panthers were out of this game quickly, unable to contain the Huskies. They didn't score consecutive baskets until nearly 12 minutes had gone by in the first half. Pitt's mini 7-0 spurt cut the deficit to 28-12, but Moore quickly answered with a 3-pointer and Connecticut was off and running again.

The Huskies, including the coaching staff, wore pink sneakers in honor of breast cancer awareness and the Kay Yow Cancer Fund. UConn's uniforms had a special pink trim while Pittsburgh wore completely pink uniforms.

Pitt (42)											
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Wilson-C	20	0-7	0-0	0-0	2	4	0	1	0	0	0
Zellous-G	32	6-16	0-3	4-5	5	2	1	3	0	0	16
Sallard-F	22	2-9	0-2	0-0	1	4	4	2	0	1	4
Scott-F	21	3-11	2-7	0-0	6	3	0	1	0	0	8
Stewart-G	33	4-10	0-0	0-0	3	2	0	2	0	1	8
Harrison	27	0-11	0-7	2-2	3	2	3	4	0	0	2
Cole	14	1-1	0-0	0-2	4	0	0	2	0	2	2
Ogoke	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Nwude	15	1-2	0-0	0-0	4	2	1	1	1	0	2
Popovec	11	0-1	0-0	0-1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Team					7						
Totals	200	17-68	2-19	6-10	37	21	9	17	1	5	42

Connecticut (95)											
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Moore-F	29	6-18	2-8	4-4	12	1	4	2	1	3	18
Charles-C	27	5-14	0-0	8-10	11	1	0	0	0	1	18
Hayes-G	19	4-8	3-4	2-2	3	4	4	0	0	1	15
Montgomery-G	31	6-11	2-5	6-8	3	1	1	1	0	2	20
Greene-G	30	4-6	0-0	3-3	11	1	3	3	1	2	11
Williams	9	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	1	1	0	1	2
Fernandes	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Gardler	12	2-2	1-1	2-2	3	2	1	0	0	0	7
Dixon	20	0-2	0-1	2-2	0	1	6	1	0	0	2
McLaren	17	1-2	0-0	0-0	5	1	2	3	0	1	2
Kerns	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team					5						
Totals	200	30-65	8-19	27-31	55	14	22	12	2	11	95

Halftime-UConn 47-21; FG pct. - PITT .250, UConn .462. 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .105, UConn .421; FT pct. - PITT .600, UConn .871.

A - 9,987; Officials - Denise Brooks-Clauser, Ed Sidlasky, Bryan Brunette

Game 24 (19-5, 9-3 Big East)

Feb. 18, 2009

#19 Pitt 70, Villanova 54

Petersen Events Center (12,508)

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Shavonte Zellous scored 23 points and Shayla Scott hit a pair of 3-pointers during a late 11-0 run and No. 19 Pittsburgh withstood Laura Kurz's 35 points to beat Villanova 70-54 on Wednesday night.

Kurz made 14 of 21 shots and all six free throws, but no other Villanova player had more than seven points.

Pittsburgh (19-5, 9-3 in Big East) rebounded from a 95-42 loss to No. 1 Connecticut on Sunday by closing to within one victory of its fourth consecutive 20-win season. The Panthers, who have four regular-season games remaining, tied Villanova (17-9, 9-3) for third place in the conference standings but own the tiebreaker by virtue of the win.

The top four teams in the conference receive a two-game bye in the Big East tournament.

Kate Popovec added 12 points and Xenia Stewart scored 11 for the Panthers, who led 54-50 with 7:20 remaining before going on the decisive run ended by Scott's 3-pointer with 3:03 to play. Scott scored nine points.

Pittsburgh, which held a 37-25 rebounding edge, used a 12-2 run to take a 32-20 lead in the first half.

Villanova (54)											
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Kurz-F	36	14-21	1-4	6-6	6	3	0	1	0	0	35
Karcic-F	27	2-4	0-0	0-2	4	2	1	3	2	1	4
Elliott-C	20	0-2	0-1	0-0	2	0	1	0	1	1	0
Getty-G	30	3-7	1-3	0-0	1	2	2	2	0	0	7
Dougherty-G	15	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	3	1	0	0	1	2
Weiss	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
O'Connor	23	0-3	0-2	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Jones	2	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Grant	22	0-2	0-1	2-2	1	3	2	0	0	0	2
Swiezynski	9	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Scanlon	15	0-2	0-1	1-2	3	2	0	1	1	0	1
Team					7						
Totals	200	21-47	2-14	10-15	25	17	7	8	4	4	54

Pitt (70)											
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Scott-F	25	3-8	3-4	0-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	9
Stewart-F	31	2-6	1-2	6-6	1	1	2	0	0	0	11
Wilson-C	9	0-2	0-0	0-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zellous-G	36	8-19	0-1	7-8	10	2	5	1	0	0	23
Sallard-G	31	3-5	0-0	0-0	4	1	2	2	0	0	6
Harrison	20	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2
Cole	24	2-4	0-0	1-1	7	2	0	1	0	0	5
Ogoke	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Nwude	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Popovec	22	4-7	0-0	4-5	9	1	2	1	1	0	12
Team					3						
Totals	200	24-55	4-8	18-22	37	11	12	7	1	0	70

Halftime-PITT 34-24; FG pct. - PITT .436, VU .447. 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .500, VU .143; FT pct. - PITT .818, VU .667.

A - 3,120; Officials - Bonita Spence, Janice Aliberti, Carol Comanita

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Women's Basketball

Game 25 (20-5, 10-3 Big East)
Feb. 21, 2009
#19 Pitt 68, Cincinnati 53
Petersen Events Center (12,508)

PITTSBURGH (AP) -Shayla Scott converted a three-point play and made two free throws during a decisive 14-0 run during the second half and No. 19 Pittsburgh overcame some sub-par shooting to beat Cincinnati 68-53 on Saturday.

Shavonte Zellous and Xenia Stewart scored 16 points each for the Panthers (20-5, 10-3 in Big East), who assured themselves of a fourth consecutive 20-win season.

Zellous made only 6 of 22 shots while being held seven points below her 23.0 average, but also had six rebounds and five assists. The Panthers withstood their 36.9 percent shooting (24 of 65) by holding a 43-26 advantage in rebounding.

Pitt led 41-40 following Kahla Roudebush's layup for Cincinnati (13-13, 3-10) with 14:10 remaining before outscoring the Bearcats 22-3 over the next nine minutes, a stretch that included the 14-0 run.

Jill Stephens scored 17 points for Cincinnati.

Cincinnati (53)

Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Bellman-F	28	3-6	3-4	0-0	4	3	6	2	0	0	9
Stephens-F	31	8-12	0-2	1-1	7	4	1	2	0	0	17
Sanders-G	40	3-9	1-4	2-2	0	2	2	6	0	0	9
Roudebush-G	35	4-9	2-5	0-0	1	0	5	2	0	0	10
Morgan-G	40	1-5	0-2	0-2	7	2	4	3	1	0	2
Schuster	7	1-1	1-1	0-0	2	2	0	1	0	0	3
Stevens	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Jones	14	0-1	0-0	3-4	3	2	0	2	0	0	3
Team					2						
Totals	200	20-44	7-18	6-9	26	15	18	18	1	1	53

Pitt (68)

Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Scott-F	32	2-11	1-4	5-5	5	2	0	1	0	0	10
Stewart-G	36	6-10	3-5	1-2	1	2	3	0	1	1	16
Wilson-C	9	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	1	1	0	2
Zellous-G	36	6-22	2-6	2-3	6	2	5	5	0	0	16
Sallard-F	25	4-10	0-1	0-0	6	0	3	0	0	1	8
Harrison	20	2-4	2-4	2-2	2	0	1	1	0	0	8
Cole	22	2-3	0-0	2-3	8	2	0	2	2	4	6
Ogoke	2	0-1	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Nwude	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Popovec	14	0-1	0-0	0-2	7	1	0	0	0	0	0
Team					6						
Totals	200	24-65	8-20	12-19	43	11	12	11	4	7	68

Halftime-PITT 26-24; FG pct. - PITT .369, UC .455. 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .400, UC .389; FT pct. - PITT .632, UC .667.

A - 6,443; Officials - Dee Kantner, Jesse Dickerson, John Ormski

Game 26 (21-5, 11-3 Big East)
Feb. 24, 2009
#15 Pitt 72, West Virginia 60
WVU Coliseum (14,000)

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) - Shavonte Zellous scored 25 points, overcoming first-half foul trouble, to help No. 15 Pittsburgh beat West Virginia 72-60 on Tuesday night.

The Panthers (21-5, 11-3 Big East) were down by 12 in the first half, but used a 44-point second half to win for the 10th time in their past 11 games.

Zellous picked up her second foul with 12:18 remaining in the first half and was forced to sit for the next seven minutes as her team cut the deficit to eight. She returned with 5:19 left in the half and the Panthers went into the locker room up 28-27.

Pitt started the second half with six consecutive points, but West Virginia (15-12, 3-10) wouldn't go away as Takisha Granberry made a 3-pointer to halt Pitt's momentum.

With the Mountaineers leading by two, Zellous' layup started a 12-0 run to seal the victory.

Liz Repella scored 17 points and Granberry added 16 for West Virginia.

Pitt ended the game on a 15-7 run to secure the victory and clinched at least a No. 3 seed for the Big East Tournament.

Pitt (72)

Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Sallard-F	29	2-5	0-1	0-0	3	1	3	0	0	2	4
Scott-F	26	3-10	2-5	4-4	4	2	0	0	0	1	12
Wilson-C	26	4-5	0-0	0-2	10	4	1	0	3	1	8
Zellous-G	31	9-21	1-6	6-10	6	4	2	1	0	2	25
Stewart-G	35	3-11	0-1	2-2	1	1	1	2	0	2	8
Harrison	25	2-9	1-2	1-2	6	0	1	0	0	0	6
Cole	15	2-4	0-0	1-3	7	1	0	1	1	2	5
Nwude	7	0-0	0-0	2-2	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Popovec	6	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Team					3						
Totals	200	26-66	4-15	16-25	43	14	8	4	6	10	72

West Virginia (60)

Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS
Burton-C	40	4-5	0-0	2-6	6	2	0	1	2	0	10
Miles-G	38	3-9	0-1	2-2	5	4	4	3	0	0	8
Repella-G	39	6-14	2-5	3-3	4	3	0	4	2	0	17
Granberry-G	32	6-12	3-7	1-2	6	3	3	1	0	0	16
Powell-G	33	2-10	0-2	1-2	6	3	7	6	0	0	5
Dixon	5	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sanabria	13	1-5	0-3	2-3	4	3	0	0	0	0	4
Team					8						
Totals	200	22-57	5-18	11-18	40	18	14	15	4	0	60

Halftime-PITT 28-27; FG pct. - PITT .394, WVU .386. 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .267, WVU .278; FT pct. - PITT .640, WVU .611.

A - 1,275; Officials - Bill Titus, Lisa Mattingly, Kevin Pethel

To be continued...



Women's Basketball

Game 27 (21-6, 11-4 Big East)
Feb. 28, 2009
#8 Louisville 75, #15 Pitt 51
Freedom Hall (18,865)

LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- Louisville senior Candyce Bingham had a career day in her last home game. She scored a career-best 26 points, making 10-of-12 free throws to help No. 8 Louisville beat Pittsburgh (No. 20 ESPN/USA Today, No. 15 AP) on Saturday to secure the second seed in the Big East tournament next week.

Fellow senior Angel McCoughtry added 22 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

Shavonte Zellous scored 15 and had six rebounds for the Panthers, and Sophronia Sallard scored 13. Sallard made one field goal, scoring two points, in the second half after making all five of her field goals in the first half.

Though the Panthers had four players 6-3 or taller on their roster, compared to Louisville's tallest player, 6-2 Keshia Hines, the Cardinals outscored them 44-18 in the paint and had 15 offensive rebounds. Hines had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

The Cardinals never trailed and put the game away with a 15-point run in the second half, after the Panthers got within three. Pittsburgh couldn't overcome its 25 turnovers.

Louisville built a 20-9 lead in the first half before Pittsburgh rallied to cut the deficit to 24-20 on a 3-pointer by Zellous. Louisville extended the lead to six at the half.

The Panthers closed to 39-36 and was down 47-42 before Louisville took over scoring the next 15 points -- including six by Bingham.

McCoughtry's 3-pointer, her last shot in Freedom Hall as a Cardinal, gave the Cardinals a 73-47 advantage for its biggest lead of the game.

Pitt (51)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Sallard-F	37	6-9	1-1	0-1	1	2	5	6	0	0	13	
Wilson-C	15	0-2	0-0	2-2	4	1	0	2	2	0	2	
Zellous-G	37	4-11	1-4	6-8	6	4	2	5	0	1	15	
Scott-F	31	1-6	1-4	1-2	6	1	0	4	1	0	4	
Stewart-G	26	2-6	0-0	1-2	3	3	2	5	0	2	5	
Harrison	13	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	
Cole	18	3-4	0-0	2-2	5	2	0	0	1	0	8	
Ogoke	3	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Nwude	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	
Popovec	12	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	
Team					0							
Totals	200	17-41	3-10	14-19	30	17	10	25	5	4	51	

Louisville (75)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Bingham-F	38	8-15	0-0	10-12	4	1	1	2	0	1	26	
Stephen-F	27	0-1	0-0	2-3	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	
Rucker-C	5	2-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	2	0	0	4	
McCoughtry-G	33	7-18	2-3	6-8	7	2	4	2	1	4	22	
Byrd-G	33	3-7	0-0	0-0	2	4	6	1	0	4	6	
Burke	11	0-3	0-2	0-0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Howard	13	1-5	1-4	0-0	0	3	0	0	0	2	3	
Jackson	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Hines	34	6-10	0-0	0-0	10	3	0	2	2	1	12	
Team					4							
Totals	200	27-61	3-9	18-23	32	19	14	11	4	14	75	

Halftime-UL 35-29; FG pct. - PITT .415, UL .443. 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .300, UL .333; FT pct. - PITT .737, UL .783.
A - 11,335; Officials - Wesley Dean, Denise Brooks-Clauser, James Marable

Game 28 (22-6, 12-4 Big East)
March 2, 2009
#14 Pitt 79, St. John's 60
Petersen Events Center (12,508)

PITTSBURGH -- Shavonte Zellous scored 18 points in her final home game and Pittsburgh (No. 20 ESPN/USA Today, No. 14 AP) rebounded from a loss by defeating St. John's 79-60 on Monday night.

The Panthers (22-6, 12-4 in Big East) opened up a 13-point lead at halftime and had few problems in tying the school record for regular-season victories. Pitt was coming off a 75-51 loss to No. 7 Louisville on Saturday.

Sky Lindsay scored 16 points and Kelly McManmon had 12 for St. John's (16-13, 4-12), which dropped its fifth in six games.

Zellous, who has 2,136 points, and Xenia Stewart each ended their regular-season careers at home for the Panthers, who are 92-37 the past four seasons after going 39-70 the previous four. Stewart scored 12 points, giving her 1,284 for her career.

Pepper Wilson added 12 points and 11 rebounds and Sophronia Sallard had 10 points for Pitt, which previously clinched third place in the Big East standings.

St. John's (60)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Stevens-F	19	3-10	0-0	2-4	1	5	1	3	0	0	8	
McCorvey-F	26	3-5	0-0	3-4	8	0	4	2	1	1	9	
Ledbetter-F	23	0-4	0-0	0-0	4	2	2	3	0	0	0	
Lindsay-G	38	6-10	1-1	3-7	4	3	4	1	0	2	16	
McManmon-G	37	5-11	2-8	0-0	2	3	5	1	0	1	12	
Moore	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	
Murphy	14	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	
Hodges	8	2-4	0-0	0-0	5	1	0	0	0	0	4	
Hart	13	2-6	0-0	0-2	2	1	1	1	0	0	4	
Mitchell	14	3-9	0-0	1-1	6	2	2	1	1	2	7	
Team					5							
Totals	200	24-62	3-11	9-18	37	20	20	14	2	6	60	

Pitt (79)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Sallard-F	27	5-5	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	4	0	1	10	
Scott-F	20	3-7	2-4	1-1	5	3	3	1	0	0	9	
Wilson-C	25	5-9	0-0	2-3	11	4	0	2	1	0	12	
Zellous-G	34	6-13	1-1	5-8	3	2	2	4	0	0	18	
Stewart-G	36	4-9	1-2	3-4	5	2	4	0	1	0	12	
Harrison	15	4-8	0-2	0-0	2	0	5	0	0	1	8	
Cole	16	3-6	0-0	0-0	7	1	0	2	1	0	6	
Ogoke	8	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Nwude	3	0-1	0-0	0-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Popovec	16	2-5	0-0	0-1	6	1	1	1	2	0	4	
Team					1							
Totals	200	32-65	4-9	11-19	42	15	18	14	5	2	79	

Halftime-PITT 43-30; FG pct. - PITT .492, SJU .387. 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .444, SJU .273; FT pct. - PITT .579, SJU .500.

A - 3,386; Officials - Bruce Morris, Sue Blauch, Kathy Ridilla



Women's Basketball

Game 29 (23-6, 12-4 Big East)
 March 8, 2009
 #14 Pitt 62, DePaul 59
 XL Center (16,294)

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) - Shavonte Zellous took a few seconds at halftime to pause and relax. The moment to reflect was all she needed to get herself going in the second half as she scored 15 of her 18 points after the break to help No. 14 Pittsburgh hold off DePaul 62-59 on Sunday night in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament.

Pittsburgh (23-6) led 60-55 on Xenia Stewart's free throw with 1:40 left, but DePaul (23-9) wasn't done. Deirdre Naughton had a three-point play and Keisha Hampton hit one free throw to cut the deficit to 60-59 with 44.7 seconds left.

Stewart scored 14 points and Sophronia Sallard added 12 for Pitt.

Trailing 49-40, DePaul went on a 13-5 run to cut the deficit to 54-53 on Williams' layup. She had a chance to complete the three-point play and tie it, but missed the free throw.

Naughton got her first basket on a layup during the spurt. She came in averaging 15.7 points, but missed her first 10 shots. She finished with eight points, going 2-for-15 from the field.

Stewart hit a jumper and Zellous had a three-point play to make it 59-53. Williams' layup set up the exciting finish.

Pitt built its lead early in the second half turning a two-point edge into a 45-33 advantage with a 12-2 spurt. Zellous, the Big East's second-leading scorer at 22.6 points, ignited the burst with her first basket of the game.

Naughton was held scoreless until she hit two free throws with just over a minute left in the first half to give DePaul a 28-27 lead at the break.

Zellous was 0-for-6 from the field and had three points at the intermission. She wasn't the only Panthers player to struggle from the field. The team was just 9-for-34 (27 percent). DePaul wasn't much better going 9-for-35 (26 percent).

Third-seeded Pittsburgh got a bye through the first two rounds of the tournament. The Blue Demons advanced to the quarterfinals by beating West Virginia 75-72 in overtime.

DePaul won the regular-season meeting between the teams, beating Pittsburgh 69-62 on Jan. 10.

DePaul (59)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Williams-F	36	9-16	0-0	3-6	6	3	2	3	1	0	21	
Hampton-F	26	4-13	2-4	2-4	3	2	1	0	0	1	12	
Threat-G	29	3-7	1-2	0-0	2	1	0	0	0	1	7	
Quigley-G	32	3-9	3-7	2-2	4	3	3	1	0	1	11	
Naughton-G	36	2-15	0-6	4-5	10	0	5	2	1	4	8	
Cattell	7	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	
Medley	11	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	3	1	1	1	0	0	
Havel	23	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	
Team					10							
Totals	200	21-65	6-21	11-17	38	16	12	12	4	7	59	

Pitt (62)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Popovec-C	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Zellous-G	35	4-14	0-1	10-13	4	1	2	1	2	0	18	
Sallard-F	37	6-13	0-0	0-0	6	1	1	5	3	0	12	
Scott-F	37	3-9	1-3	0-1	12	2	1	1	0	3	7	
Stewart-G	35	5-11	1-3	3-4	5	1	0	1	1	3	14	
Harrison	9	1-3	0-1	1-1	2	2	2	1	0	0	3	
Cole	24	2-6	0-0	1-2	7	3	0	3	1	1	5	
Wilson	21	1-6	0-0	1-2	9	4	0	1	1	0	3	
Team					5							
Totals	200	22-63	2-8	16-23	50	14	6	13	8	7	62	

Halftime-DU 28-27; FG pct. - PITT .349, DU .323. 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .250, DU .286; FT pct. - PITT .696, DU .647.
 A - 8,957; Officials - Mark Zentz, Angie Lewis, Joanne Aldrich

Game 30 (23-7, 12-4 Big East)
 March 9, 2009
 #5 Louisville 69, #14 Pitt 63
 XL Center (16,294)

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) - For the second straight year, Louisville and Connecticut will meet in the Big East championship game. The fifth-ranked Cardinals aren't scared of the big, bad Huskies, even after losing to the No. 1 team in the country by 35 points earlier this season.

McCoughtry scored 31 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to help No. 5 Louisville (29-3) hold off 14th-ranked Pittsburgh 69-63 on Monday night setting up the championship rematch.

Trailing 63-62 with 1:40 left, McCoughtry's three-point play gave Louisville a two-point edge with 1:12 left.

After a turnover by Xenia Stewart, McCoughtry hit a pull-up jumper from the wing with 23.5 seconds remaining to make it 67-63. Deseree Byrd hit two free throws for the final margin.

Shavonte Zellous scored 24 points to lead Pittsburgh (23-7).

Trailing by 10 at the break, Pittsburgh rallied to within one behind Zellous. She scored seven points as the Panthers opened the second half with a 14-4 run to cut the deficit to 46-45.

McCoughtry and Louisville answered scoring the next eight points to make it 54-45 with 11:06 left in the game.

Pitt wasn't done, going on a 18-8 burst to take a 63-62 lead - its first lead since early in the first half. Pepper Wilson, who had a career-high 16 points, hit back-to-back layups to cap the run and give the Panthers the edge.

Third-seeded Pittsburgh made it to this round by edging DePaul 62-59 on Sunday night. Pitt faced Louisville on Feb 28 at the Cardinals senior day. Louisville won 75-51 as Candyce Bingham scored 26 points.

In the first half Monday, Louisville struggled early on and was trailing 14-13 before going on a 12-2 run to take a 25-16 advantage. McCoughtry had six points during the burst.

Pittsburgh then scored six straight to make it a three-point game. But Louisville rebuilt its double-digit margin rattling off 11 of the next 12 points and led 41-31 at the half.

Pitt (63)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Wilson-C	24	7-8	0-0	2-4	3	3	1	1	1	2	16	
Zellous-G	39	6-17	0-2	12-15	4	2	1	5	0	0	24	
Sallard-F	29	1-3	0-0	0-0	5	4	2	4	0	1	2	
Scott-F	39	4-11	3-7	0-2	3	1	2	1	0	1	11	
Stewart-G	38	1-6	1-3	4-4	3	3	5	4	0	4	7	
Harrison	14	1-8	1-7	0-0	2	0	2	1	0	1	2	
Cole	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Popovec	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Team					6							
Totals	200	20-54	5-19	18-25	28	16	13	16	1	9	63	

Louisville (69)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Rucker-F	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	
Bingham-F	39	4-11	1-2	2-4	8	1	1	4	1	5	11	
McCoughtry-F	39	13-19	0-2	5-6	14	3	2	6	1	2	31	
Stephen-G	12	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	1	0	1	2	
Byrd-G	38	1-4	0-0	3-4	1	2	6	5	1	2	5	
Burke	25	1-3	1-3	0-0	1	1	0	3	0	0	3	
Howard	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Jackson	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Reid	15	3-7	0-0	3-3	4	2	0	0	0	0	9	
Hines	23	2-6	0-0	4-6	7	3	0	1	0	0	8	
Team					3							
Totals	200	25-51	2-7	17-23	38	19	10	21	4	10	69	

Halftime-UL 41-31; FG pct. - PITT .370, UL .490. 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .260, UL .286; FT pct. - PITT .720, UL .739.
 A - 9588; Officials - Dennis DeMayo, Barb Smith, Bonita Spence

To be continued...



Women's Basketball

Game 31 (24-7, 12-4 Big East)
 March 21, 2009
 #14 Pitt 64, Montana 35
 Bank of America Arena (10,000)

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP) - Shavonte Zellous scored 15 of her 31 points in the first half to keep Pitt even with energized and inspired Montana, and the superior talent of the fourth-seeded Panthers took over in the second half of a 64-35 win on Saturday night in the first-round of the Oklahoma City Regional.

Zellous carried Pitt in the first half and the Panthers defense did the rest. Pitt held 13th-seeded Montana to just 10 second-half points, tying the tournament record for fewest points allowed in a half. Connecticut gave up just 10 to Long Island in the second half of a first-round game in 2001.

While Pitt coach Agnus Berenato claims her team doesn't have any stars, it's clear they'd be lost without Zellous. As her teammates struggled with Montana's plodding, methodical pace in the first half, Zellous kept knocking down contested shots in traffic, and rarely missed when she found herself open in space. She then took advantage of Montana's countless mistakes in the second half as a one-point Pitt (24-7) lead at halftime turned into a comfortable rout.

Zellous scored six straight in barely 1 minute as part of the Panthers' 13-2 run to open the second half that finally dimmed any upset hopes for the 13th-seeded Lady Griz. Zellous hit 13 of 27 shots and grabbed nine rebounds. Shayla Scott added 11 points, including a pair of 3-pointers during Pitt's decisive charge to start the second half.

The undersized and less athletic Lady Griz did their best to negate the Panthers superior talent in the first half. They handled Pitt's trapping pressure defense in the early going and milked the shot clock on nearly every possession. But when the shots stopped falling, the Lady Griz quickly found themselves looking up at a huge deficit and getting worn down by the intensity of every possession against Pitt's aggressive defense.

Mandy Morales led Montana (28-5) with 11 points and eight assists, but her entire team struggled in the second half. Morales scored with 18:33 left in the second half to keep Montana within 28-27, but the Lady Griz missed their next eight shots and added seven turnovers to a 10-minute scoreless drought that was finally broken on Britney Lohman's free throw with 8:20 left. By then, Montana was in a 49-28 hole and the 2,000 or so Lady Griz fans that made the eight-hour trek from Missoula to Seattle were left without much of a growl.

Montana didn't score another field goal until Jessa Loman Linford's turnaround in the lane with 4:30 left, but Montana was just 4 of 22 shooting in the second half.

The Lady Griz were trying for their first tournament win since beating San Diego State in the first round of the 1995 tourney as a No. 12 seed. Montana, which won its 21st Big Sky regular season title this season, has now dropped its last eight tourney games.

Montana (35)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Ena-F	18	0-4	0-0	0-0	5	2	1	3	1	0	0	
Beck-F	23	2-6	1-3	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	
Lohman-C	35	2-5	0-1	1-4	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	5
Morales-G	38	5-11	1-4	0-0	4	4	8	4	0	1	11	
Rogers-G	38	2-13	2-11	2-2	1	0	1	3	0	1	8	
Nance-Johnson	10	0-2	0-1	0-0	2	2	0	3	0	0	0	
Stender	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Linford	20	2-4	0-0	0-0	5	0	1	0	0	0	4	
Ware	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Guardipee	5	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	
Robinson	2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Team					2							
Totals	200	14-48	4-22	3-6	26	12	12	14	3	2	35	

Pitt (64)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Sallard-F	29	2-5	1-1	0-0	3	1	1	1	0	0	5	
Scott-F	28	4-6	2-4	1-2	5	1	1	1	0	1	11	
Wilson-C	16	1-5	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0	1	0	2	
Stewart-G	34	13-27	1-5	4-4	9	1	2	1	0	4	31	
Zellous-G	30	1-1	0-0	1-2	6	1	4	0	0	1	3	
Harrison	24	1-5	0-0	2-2	1	1	2	1	0	1	4	
Cole	21	2-4	0-0	0-0	5	2	1	1	0	1	4	
Ogoke	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Nwude	5	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Popovec	9	1-3	0-0	0-2	2	1	1	1	0	0	2	
Team					5							
Totals	200	26-58	4-10	8-12	39	10	13	6	1	8	64	

Halftime-PITT 26-25; FG pct. - PITT .448, UM .292; 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .400, UM .182; FT pct. - PITT .667, UM .500.
 A - 2,853 ; Officials - Gator Parrish, Shelley Nakasone, Darren Krzesnik

Game 32 (25-7, 12-4 Big East)
 March 23, 2009
 #14 Pitt 65, Gonzaga 60
 Bank of America Arena (10,000)

SEATTLE (AP) - Shavonte Zellous carried Pittsburgh back to the round of 16. Barely.

Zellous scored nine of her 24 points in the final 4 minutes, and Pittsburgh capitalized on Gonzaga's youthful mistakes in the closing minutes of a 65-60 win in the second-round of the Oklahoma City Regional on Monday night.

The 12th-seeded Bulldogs made life extremely difficult for the No. 4 seed Panthers, but it was Zellous and Pitt's experience coming through at the end.

Zellous scored on a pair of drives off Gonzaga turnovers in the final 2 minutes then hit a pair of free throws to put the Panthers up 63-60 with 15.9 seconds left after another Gonzaga mistake. When Janelle Bekkering's 3-pointer missed with 6 seconds left, the Panthers were headed to the regional semifinals for the second straight year.

Xenia Stewart capped the victory with a pair of free throws with 3 seconds left and the Panthers assured themselves a date with either top-seeded Oklahoma or No. 9 seed Georgia Tech in the round of 16. Last year, Pitt advanced to the regional semis for the first time in school history before getting bounced by eventual national finalist Stanford.

Zellous struggled through one of her toughest outings of the season, only to come through with crucial plays in the closing minutes as Gonzaga showed the signs of a team playing just its three NCAA tournament game in school history.

Neither team shot very well, but Pitt (25-7) was 20 of 22 at the free-throw line, the only two misses by Zellous.

For all the great plays spunky Gonzaga point guard Courtney Vandersloot made in helping the Zags stay even with Pitt for most of the night, she was responsible for two tipped passes that turned into breakaways by Zellous in the closing minutes.

Vandersloot led the Bulldogs (27-7) with 18 points, seven assists and seven rebounds. Heather Bowman, the Bulldogs' leading scorer, battled her way to 15 points, but scored only one basket in the final nine minutes.

The second half was a constant back-and-forth swing of momentum, neither team able to put together a sustained run and build any sort of cushion. The biggest lead for either team was Pitt's final five-point margin.

The Panthers led to 51-47 with 7:41 left and seemed on the verge of finally pushing ahead for good. But like most of the second half, Gonzaga wasn't done. Vandersloot scored on a floater and Bowman's three-point play on the low block pushed Gonzaga ahead by one.

The Zags lead was three after Vandersloot's smooth drive out of a timeout with 3:46 left, but Zellous pulled Pitt even with a 3 and Stewart's 3 put the Panthers up 57-56 moments later.

Gonzaga (60)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Frieson-F	38	2-6	0-0	0-0	8	3	2	3	3	1	4	
Schaefer-F	16	4-7	1-3	1-1	2	3	0	1	0	0	10	
Bowman-C	38	5-15	0-0	5-5	7	1	2	4	0	0	15	
Bekkering-G	35	2-8	1-4	4-4	5	5	0	3	0	2	9	
Vandersloot-G	27	6-16	0-2	6-6	7	2	7	4	0	5	18	
Lorenzo	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	
Standish	6	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Raap	4	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	
Bowen	23	1-2	0-1	0-0	4	0	0	1	1	1	2	
Team					5							
Totals	200	21-58	2-11	16-16	38	15	11	18	4	9	60	

Pitt (65)												
Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RB	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS	
Sallard-F	28	2-8	0-0	0-0	1	2	4	3	0	3	4	
Scott-F	37	2-9	1-3	2-2	8	4	3	4	0	2	7	
Wilson-C	14	4-6	0-0	2-2	7	2	0	1	4	1	10	
Zellous-G	35	6-21	2-4	10-12	7	3	1	2	0	0	24	
Stewart-G	40	3-5	2-2	4-4	2	1	3	2	1	1	12	
Harrison	18	2-7	0-2	2-2	3	3	1	3	0	1	6	
Cole	28	1-3	0-0	0-0	6	1	0	0	5	1	2	
Team					3							
Totals	200	20-59	5-11	20-22	37	16	12	15	10	9	65	

Halftime-PITT 24-24; FG pct. - PITT .339, GU .362; 3-pt. FG pct. - PITT .455, GU .182; FT pct. - PITT .909, UM 1.000.
 A - 2270 ; Officials - Michael Price, Gator Parrish, Shelley Nakasone

To be continued...

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RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	25-7	14-1	8-4	3-2
CONFERENCE	12-4	7-1	5-3	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	13-3	7-0	3-1	3-2

#	Player	gp-gs	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg		
			min	avg	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def									tot	avg
01	ZELLOUS, Shavonte	32-32	1068	33.4	238-571	.417	57-156	.365	196-251	.781	60	120	180	5.6	71	0	94	97	20	34	729	22.8
33	STEWART, Xenia	32-32	1046	32.7	124-283	.438	28-61	.459	73-92	.793	63	65	128	4.0	74	2	97	60	7	51	349	10.9
25	SCOTT, Shayla	32-32	939	29.3	101-268	.377	35-100	.350	46-60	.767	81	136	217	6.8	71	1	59	45	28	26	283	8.8
10	HARRISON, Taneisha	32-13	797	24.9	100-275	.364	29-91	.319	47-66	.712	41	61	102	3.2	57	0	80	64	8	24	276	8.6
40	WILSON, Pepper	32-31	690	21.6	90-190	.474	0-0	.000	37-49	.755	85	117	202	6.3	74	1	17	71	43	17	217	6.8
02	SALLARD, Sophronia	32-18	778	24.3	93-210	.443	7-26	.269	22-29	.759	36	60	96	3.0	52	0	87	58	13	31	215	6.7
50	POPOVEC, Kate	26-1	351	13.5	47-82	.573	0-0	.000	22-44	.500	49	78	127	4.9	35	0	10	18	22	4	116	4.5
22	COLE, Chelsea	31-0	524	16.9	47-106	.443	0-0	.000	19-32	.594	62	106	168	5.4	44	0	13	37	33	20	113	3.6
14	SIMS, Jania	1-1	5	5.0	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2.0
32	NWUDE, Selena	15-0	100	6.7	10-20	.500	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	8	12	20	1.3	13	0	2	3	7	2	23	1.5
24	OGOKE, Sarah	22-0	128	5.8	10-30	.333	3-9	.333	5-9	.556	3	7	10	0.5	9	0	9	8	1	4	28	1.3
Total.....		32	6426		860-2038	.422	159-443	.359	472-640	.738	556	836	1392	43.5	502	4	469	466	182	213	2351	73.5
Opponents.....		32	6425		659-1844	.357	137-444	.309	399-559	.714	424	696	1120	35.0	558	7	392	562	109	187	1854	57.9

TEAM STATISTICS	PITT	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	2351	1854	11/16/08	vs Texas A&M	L 50-56	7954
Points per game	73.5	57.9	11/20/08	at Western Michigan	w 88-60	784
Scoring margin	+15.5	-	11/24/08	PENN STATE	w 59-80	2080
FIELD GOALS-ATT	860-2038	659-1844	11/28/08	ELON	w 49-84	323
Field goal pct	.422	.357	11/29/08	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	w 42-99	2791
3 POINT FG-ATT	159-443	137-444	12/3/08	at Duquesne	w 66-47	1063
3-point FG pct	.359	.309	12/07/08	MARYLAND	w 57-86	3223
3-pt FG made per game	5.0	4.3	12/13/08	WEST VIRGINIA STATE	w 37-85	2548
FREE THROWS-ATT	472-640	399-559	12/16/08	WAGNER	w 41-98	2354
Free throw pct	.738	.714	12/19/08	at Florida A&M	w 89-59	127
F-Throws made per game	14.8	12.5	12/21/08	at Florida	L 83-90	1377
REBOUNDS	1392	1120	12/30/08	WESTERN KENTUCKY	w 50-93	3402
Rebounds per game	43.5	35.0	01/04/09	WEST VIRGINIA	w 63-72	4528
Rebounding margin	+8.5	-	1/7/09	at Providence	L 69-77	251
ASSISTS	469	392	01/10/09	DEPAUL	L 69-62	3552
Assists per game	14.7	12.3	01/17/09	SOUTH FLORIDA	w 47-79	4379
TURNOVERS	466	562	01/20/09	at Seton Hall	w 76-40	525
Turnovers per game	14.6	17.6	01/24/09	at Syracuse	w 77-75	1647
Turnover margin	+3.0	-	01/27/09	at Georgetown	w 50-39	617
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	0.7	01/30/09	MARQUETTE	w 54-86	5684
STEALS	213	187	02/03/09	NOTRE DAME	w 70-82	3813
Steals per game	6.7	5.8	02/10/09	at Rutgers	wot 61-53	3203
BLOCKS	182	109	02/15/09	at Connecticut	L 42-95	9987
Blocks per game	5.7	3.4	02/18/09	VILLANOVA	w 54-70	3120
ATTENDANCE	51626	60960	02/21/09	CINCINNATI	w 53-68	6443
Home games-Avg/Game	15-3442	12-2683	2/24/09	at West Virginia	w 72-60	1275
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	5-5754	2/28/09	at LOUISVILLE	L 51-75	11335
			03/02/09	ST. JOHN'S	w 60-79	3386
			3/8/09	vs DePaul	w 59-62	8957
			3/9/09	vs LOUISVILLE	L 63-69	9588
			03/21/09	vs Montana	w 35-64	0
			03/23/09	vs Gonzaga	w 60-65	2270

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Pitt Panthers	1123	1212	16	2351
Opponents	899	947	8	1854

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RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	25-7	16-1	8-4	1-2
CONFERENCE	12-4	7-1	5-3	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	13-3	9-0	3-1	1-2

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
01	ZELLOUS, Shavonte	32-32	1068	33.4	238-571	.417	57-156	.365	196-251	.781	60	120	180	5.6	71	0	94	97	20	34	729	22.8
	Conference-Only...	16-16	559	34.9	120-280	.429	29-83	.349	97-129	.752	31	64	95	5.9	36	0	52	47	8	17	366	22.9
33	STEWART, Xenia	32-32	1046	32.7	124-283	.438	28-61	.459	73-92	.793	63	65	128	4.0	74	2	97	60	7	51	349	10.9
	Conference-Only...	16-16	528	33.0	51-137	.372	12-29	.414	38-48	.792	25	27	52	3.3	31	0	49	30	5	23	152	9.5
25	SCOTT, Shayla	32-32	939	29.3	101-268	.377	35-100	.350	46-60	.767	81	136	217	6.8	71	1	59	45	28	26	283	8.8
	Conference-Only...	16-16	467	29.2	52-150	.347	20-56	.357	17-22	.773	39	64	103	6.4	38	1	21	17	11	9	141	8.8
10	HARRISON, Taneisha	32-13	797	24.9	100-275	.364	29-91	.319	47-66	.712	41	61	102	3.2	57	0	80	64	8	24	276	8.6
	Conference-Only...	16-2	359	22.4	44-133	.331	11-43	.256	24-28	.857	25	21	46	2.9	23	0	27	34	7	6	123	7.7
40	WILSON, Pepper	32-31	690	21.6	90-190	.474	0-0	.000	37-49	.755	85	117	202	6.3	74	1	17	71	43	17	217	6.8
	Conference-Only...	16-16	320	20.0	34-81	.420	0-0	.000	13-20	.650	42	56	98	6.1	37	1	8	35	21	6	81	5.1
02	SALLARD, Sophronia	32-18	778	24.3	93-210	.443	7-26	.269	22-29	.759	36	60	96	3.0	52	0	87	58	13	31	215	6.7
	Conference-Only...	16-14	433	27.1	54-116	.466	2-12	.167	10-13	.769	19	19	38	2.4	28	0	41	31	2	13	120	7.5
50	POPOVEC, Kate	26-1	351	13.5	47-82	.573	0-0	.000	22-44	.500	49	78	127	4.9	35	0	10	18	22	4	116	4.5
	Conference-Only...	11-0	116	10.5	12-25	.480	0-0	.000	7-14	.500	13	22	35	3.2	10	0	3	3	7	0	31	2.8
22	COLE, Chelsea	31-0	524	16.9	47-106	.443	0-0	.000	19-32	.594	62	106	168	5.4	44	0	13	37	33	20	113	3.6
	Conference-Only...	16-0	312	19.5	24-54	.444	0-0	.000	13-19	.684	41	67	108	6.8	27	0	6	26	21	14	61	3.8
14	SIMS, Jania	1-1	5	5.0	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2.0
	Conference-Only...	0-0	0	0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
32	NWUDE, Selena	15-0	100	6.7	10-20	.500	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	8	12	20	1.3	13	0	2	3	7	2	23	1.5
	Conference-Only...	13-0	86	6.6	5-13	.385	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	5	12	17	1.3	12	0	2	3	6	2	13	1.0
24	OGOKE, Sarah	22-0	128	5.8	10-30	.333	3-9	.333	5-9	.556	3	7	10	0.5	9	0	9	8	1	4	28	1.3
	Conference-Only...	10-0	46	4.6	3-12	.250	0-4	.000	2-5	.400	0	1	1	0.1	2	0	1	5	1	2	8	0.8
	Total.....	32	6426		860-2038	.422	159-443	.359	472-640	.738	556	836	1392	43.5	502	4	469	466	182	213	2351	73.5
	Conference-Only...	16	3226		399-1001	.399	74-227	.326	224-304	.737	278	392	670	41.9	246	2	210	236	89	92	1096	68.5
	Opponents.....	32	6425		659-1844	.357	137-444	.309	399-559	.714	424	696	1120	35.0	558	7	392	562	109	187	1854	57.9
	Conference-Only...	16	3225		353-942	.375	68-229	.297	210-294	.714	235	362	597	37.3	284	4	219	251	59	95	984	61.5

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Opponent	1st	2nd	Score	Mar	Total FG	FG Pct	3-Pointers	3FG Pct	Free Throws	FT Pct	Rebounds	Assist	T/Over	Block	Steal	Fouls
Texas A&M	25/23	25/33	50-56	(6)	12-47/19-52	.255/.365	4-13/6-16	.308/.375	22-30/12-22	.733/.545	37/42 (5)	3/12	22/20	5/5	5/12	22/23
Western Michigan	42/24	46/36	88-60	+28	38-82/21-59	.463/.356	5-12/5-11	.417/.455	7-10/13-19	.700/.684	48/36 +12	25/6	11/27	5/3	10/5	15/10
PENN STATE	43/18	37/41	80-59	+21	28-67/18-60	.418/.300	7-20/4-13	.350/.308	17-28/19-29	.607/.655	49/42 +7	19/11	12/18	6/4	6/6	20/22
ELON	44/28	40/21	84-49	+35	31-63/17-53	.492/.321	6-15/4-9	.400/.444	16-18/11-14	.889/.786	46/23 +23	20/12	19/22	7/0	8/5	17/18
YOUNGSTOWN STATE	44/22	55/20	99-42	+57	39-58/15-49	.672/.306	6-11/4-7	.545/.235	15-20/8-12	.750/.667	40/19 +21	23/12	17/26	7/0	11/5	17/19
Duquesne	27/23	39/24	66-47	+19	28-64/16-55	.438/.291	4-13/4-20	.308/.200	6-8/11-12	.750/.917	44/34 +10	17/10	17/18	3/2	7/3	13/11
MARYLAND	39/32	47/25	86-57	+29	32-69/20-47	.464/.426	11-21/5-7	.524/.714	11-16/12-18	.688/.667	38/30 +8	23/11	10/22	4/3	7/2	19/14
WEST VIRGINIA STATE	36/22	49/15	85-37	+48	36-72/14-64	.500/.219	2-8/4-16	.250/.250	11-19/5-6	.579/.833	61/28 +33	21/11	15/19	9/0	6/7	9/16
WAGNER	46/23	52/18	98-41	+57	32-78/17-54	.410/.315	7-14/0-3	.500/.000	27-34/7-9	.794/.778	59/28 +31	20/13	13/26	12/5	8/4	12/21
Florida A&M	51/26	38/33	89-59	+30	27-63/19-59	.429/.322	6-15/6-11	.400/.545	29-36/15-25	.806/.600	52/35 +17	11/8	17/21	3/9	11/4	21/25
Florida	44/46	39/44	83-90	(7)	31-63/31-66	.492/.470	8-14/10-22	.571/.455	13-16/18-23	.813/.783	39/33 +6	16/15	17/9	1/1	18	19/18
WESTERN KENTUCKY	37/24	56/26	93-50	+43	39-77/18-62	.506/.290	3-12/3-9	.250/.333	12-19/11-14	.632/.786	55/33 +22	17/7	10/18	11/3	8/3	16/15
WEST VIRGINIA	34/31	38/32	72-63	+9	22-54/24-58	.407/.414	6-11/9-20	.545/.450	22-28/6-9	.786/.667	37/32 +5	10/16	16/22	7/0	4/7	11/19
Providence	31/40	38/37	69-77	(8)	23-68/27-61	.338/.443	0-11/5-9	.000/.556	23-31/18-22	.742/.818	35/52 (17)	6/7	14/25	6/10	16/6	22/22
DEPAUL	39/34	23/35	62-69	(7)	20-58/25-57	.345/.439	5-15/5-16	.333/.313	17-25/14-20	.680/.700	37/39 (2)	14/17	18/16	2/2	3/6	15/21
SOUTH FLORIDA	37/19	42/28	79-47	+32	28-72/17-65	.389/.262	8-21/2-19	.381/.105	15-17/11-17	.882/.647	55/42 +13	17/9	14/18	7/8	7/4	16/14
Seton Hall	42/17	34/23	76-40	+36	30-67/13-54	.448/.241	6-12/3-14	.500/.214	10-10/11-14	.000/.786	42/30 +12	17/7	16/21	10/4	7/5	15/13
Syracuse	42/39	35/36	77-75	+2	28-62/24-66	.452/.364	4-18/7-17	.222/.412	17-24/20-24	.708/.833	47/37 +10	18/12	21/18	11/2	8/8	18/22
Georgetown	23/27	27/12	50-39	+11	18-59/14-50	.305/.280	2-14/4-11	.143/.364	12-15/7-13	.800/.538	48/34 +14	7/7	18/20	6/2	4/6	16/19
MARQUETTE	43/21	43/33	86-54	+32	35-70/16-61	.500/.262	6-14/3-14	.429/.214	10-15/19-26	.667/.731	50/36 +14	17/9	13/14	11/3	8/5	17/17
NOTRE DAME	40/31	42/39	82-70	+12	30-66/29-78	.455/.372	7-12/2-10	.583/.200	15-19/10-15	.789/.667	48/42 +6	19/19	18/9	6/6	17	14/18
Rutgers	25/24	20/21	61-53	+8	25-65/20-56	.385/.357	5-18/0-10	.278/.000	6-6/13-20	.000/.650	39/38 +1	16/11	10/10	1/5	6/5	13/16
Connecticut	21/47	21/48	42-95	(53)	17-68/30-65	.250/.462	2-19/8-19	.105/.421	6-10/27-31	.600/.871	37/55 (18)	9/22	17/12	1/2	5/11	21/14
VILLANOVA	34/24	36/30	70-54	+16	24-55/21-47	.436/.447	4-8/2-14	.500/.143	18-22/10-15	.818/.667	37/25 +12	12/7	7/8	1/4	0/4	11/17
CINCINNATI	26/24	42/29	68-53	+15	24-65/20-44	.369/.455	8-20/7-18	.400/.389	12-19/6-9	.632/.667	43/26 +17	12/18	11/18	4/1	7/1	11/15
West Virginia	28/27	44/33	72-60	+12	26-66/22-57	.394/.386	4-15/5-18	.267/.278	16-25/11-18	.640/.611	43/40 +3	8/4	4/15	6/4	10/0	14/18
LOUISVILLE	29/35	22/40	51-75	(24)	17-41/27-61	.415/.443	3-10/3-9	.300/.333	14-19/18-23	.737/.783	30/32 (2)	10/14	25/11	5/4	4/14	17/19
ST. JOHN'S	43/30	36/30	79-60	+19	32-65/24-62	.492/.387	4-9/3-11	.444/.273	11-19/9-18	.579/.500	42/37 +5	18/20	14/14	5/2	2/6	15/20
DePaul	27/28	35/31	62-59	+3	22-63/21-65	.349/.323	2-8/6-21	.250/.286	16-23/11-17	.696/.647	50/38 +12	6/12	13/12	8/4	7/7	14/16
LOUISVILLE	31/41	32/28	63-69	(6)	20-54/25-51	.370/.490	5-19/2-7	.263/.286	18-25/17-23	.720/.739	28/38 (10)	13/10	16/21	1/4	9/10	16/19
MONTANA	26/25	38/10	64-35	+29	26-58/14-48	.448/.292	4-10/4-22	.400/.182	8-12/3-6	.667/.500	39/26 +13	13/12	6/14	1/3	8/2	10/12
GONZAGA	24/24	41/36	65-60	+5	20-59/21-58	.339/.362	5-11/2-11	.455/.182	20-22/16-16	.909/.000	37/38 (1)	12/11	15/18	10/4	9/9	16/15

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category

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TEAM STATISTICS

Opponent	Date	Score		Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
				fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg							
vs Texas A&M	11/16/08	50-56	L	12-47	.255	4-13	.308	22-30	.733	14	23	37	37.0	22	3	22	5	5	50	50.0
at Western Michigan	11/20/08	88-60	W	38-82	.463	5-12	.417	7-10	.700	21	27	48	42.5	15	25	11	5	10	88	69.0
PENN STATE	11/24/08	80-59	W	28-67	.418	7-20	.350	17-28	.607	17	32	49	44.7	20	19	12	6	6	80	72.7
ELON	11/28/08	84-49	W	31-63	.492	6-15	.400	16-18	.889	16	30	46	45.0	17	20	19	7	8	84	75.5
YOUNGSTOWN STATE	11/29/08	99-42	W	39-58	.672	6-11	.545	15-20	.750	14	26	40	44.0	17	23	17	7	11	99	80.2
at Duquesne	12/3/08	66-47	W	28-64	.438	4-13	.308	6-8	.750	16	28	44	44.0	13	17	17	3	7	66	77.8
MARYLAND	12/07/08	86-57	W	32-69	.464	11-21	.524	11-16	.688	15	23	38	43.1	19	23	10	4	7	86	79.0
WEST VIRGINIA STATE	12/13/08	85-37	W	36-72	.500	2-8	.250	11-19	.579	23	38	61	45.4	9	21	15	9	6	85	79.8
WAGNER	12/16/08	98-41	W	32-78	.410	7-14	.500	27-34	.794	27	32	59	46.9	12	20	13	12	8	98	81.8
at Florida A&M	12/19/08	89-59	W	27-63	.429	6-15	.400	29-36	.806	21	31	52	47.4	21	11	17	3	11	89	82.5
at Florida	12/21/08	83-90	L	31-63	.492	8-14	.571	13-16	.813	15	24	39	46.6	19	16	17	1	1	83	82.5
WESTERN KENTUCKY	12/30/08	93-50	W	39-77	.506	3-12	.250	12-19	.632	23	32	55	47.3	16	17	10	11	8	93	83.4
WEST VIRGINIA	01/04/09	72-63	W	22-54	.407	6-11	.545	22-28	.786	14	23	37	46.5	11	10	16	7	4	72	82.5
at Providence	1/7/09	69-77	L	23-68	.338	0-11	.000	23-31	.742	20	15	35	45.7	22	6	14	6	16	69	81.6
DEPAUL	01/10/09	62-69	L	20-58	.345	5-15	.333	17-25	.680	14	23	37	45.1	15	14	18	2	3	62	80.3
SOUTH FLORIDA	01/17/09	79-47	W	28-72	.389	8-21	.381	15-17	.882	25	30	55	45.8	16	17	14	7	7	79	80.2
at Seton Hall	01/20/09	76-40	W	30-67	.448	6-12	.500	10-10	1.000	18	24	42	45.5	15	17	16	10	7	76	79.9
at Syracuse	01/24/09	77-75	W	28-62	.452	4-18	.222	17-24	.708	20	27	47	45.6	18	18	21	11	8	77	79.8
at Georgetown	01/27/09	50-39	W	18-59	.305	2-14	.143	12-15	.800	22	26	48	45.7	16	7	18	6	4	50	78.2
MARQUETTE	01/30/09	86-54	W	35-70	.500	6-14	.429	10-15	.667	20	30	50	46.0	17	17	13	11	8	86	78.6
NOTRE DAME	02/03/09	82-70	W	30-66	.455	7-12	.583	15-19	.789	18	30	48	46.0	14	19	18	6	1	82	78.8
at Rutgers	02/10/09	61-53	Wot	25-65	.385	5-18	.278	6-6	1.000	13	26	39	45.7	13	16	10	1	6	61	78.0
at Connecticut	2/15/09	42-95	L	17-68	.250	2-19	.105	6-10	.600	17	20	37	45.3	21	9	17	1	5	42	76.4
VILLANOVA	02/18/09	70-54	W	24-55	.436	4-8	.500	18-22	.818	12	25	37	45.0	11	12	7	1	0	70	76.1
CINCINNATI	02/21/09	68-53	W	24-65	.369	8-20	.400	12-19	.632	20	23	43	44.9	11	12	11	4	7	68	75.8
at West Virginia	2/24/09	72-60	W	26-66	.394	4-15	.267	16-25	.640	18	25	43	44.8	14	8	4	6	10	72	75.7
at LOUISVILLE	2/28/09	51-75	L	17-41	.415	3-10	.300	14-19	.737	9	21	30	44.3	17	10	25	5	4	51	74.7
ST. JOHN'S	03/02/09	79-60	W	32-65	.492	4-9	.444	11-19	.579	18	24	42	44.2	15	18	14	5	2	79	74.9
vs DePaul	3/8/09	62-59	W	22-63	.349	2-8	.250	16-23	.696	22	28	50	44.4	14	6	13	8	7	62	74.4
vs LOUISVILLE	3/9/09	63-69	L	20-54	.370	5-19	.263	18-25	.720	11	17	28	43.9	16	13	16	1	9	63	74.1
MONTANA	03/21/09	64-35	W	26-58	.448	4-10	.400	8-12	.667	12	27	39	43.7	10	13	6	1	8	64	73.7
GONZAGA	03/23/09	65-60	W	20-59	.339	5-11	.455	20-22	.909	11	26	37	43.5	16	12	15	10	9	65	73.5
Pitt Panthers		2351		860-2038	.422	159-443	.359	472-640	.738	556	836	1392	43.5	502	469	466	182	213	2351	73.5
Opponents		1854		659-1844	.357	137-444	.309	399-559	.714	424	696	1120	35.0	558	392	562	109	187	1854	57.9

Games played: 32
Points/game: 73.5
FG Pct: 42.2
3FG Pct: 35.9
FT Pct: 73.8

Rebounds/game: 43.5
Assists/game: 14.7
Turnovers/game: 14.6
Assist/turnover ratio: 1.0
Steals/game: 6.7
Blocks/game: 5.7

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Conference games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	12-4	7-1	5-3	0-0
CONFERENCE	12-4	7-1	5-3	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
01	ZELLOUS, Shavonte	16-16	559	34.9	120-280	.429	29-83	.349	97-129	.752	31	64	95	5.9	36	0	52	47	8	17	366	22.9
33	STEWART, Xenia	16-16	528	33.0	51-137	.372	12-29	.414	38-48	.792	25	27	52	3.3	31	0	49	30	5	23	152	9.5
25	SCOTT, Shayla	16-16	467	29.2	52-150	.347	20-56	.357	17-22	.773	39	64	103	6.4	38	1	21	17	11	9	141	8.8
10	HARRISON, Taneisha	16-2	359	22.4	44-133	.331	11-43	.256	24-28	.857	25	21	46	2.9	23	0	27	34	7	6	123	7.7
02	SALLARD, Sophronia	16-14	433	27.1	54-116	.466	2-12	.167	10-13	.769	19	19	38	2.4	28	0	41	31	2	13	120	7.5
40	WILSON, Pepper	16-16	320	20.0	34-81	.420	0-0	.000	13-20	.650	42	56	98	6.1	37	1	8	35	21	6	81	5.1
22	COLE, Chelsea	16-0	312	19.5	24-54	.444	0-0	.000	13-19	.684	41	67	108	6.8	27	0	6	26	21	14	61	3.8
50	POPOVEC, Kate	11-0	116	10.5	12-25	.480	0-0	.000	7-14	.500	13	22	35	3.2	10	0	3	3	7	0	31	2.8
32	NWUDE, Selena	13-0	86	6.6	5-13	.385	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	5	12	17	1.3	12	0	2	3	6	2	13	1.0
24	OGOKE, Sarah	10-0	46	4.6	3-12	.250	0-4	.000	2-5	.400	0	1	1	0.1	2	0	1	5	1	2	8	0.8
Total.....		16	3226		399-1001	.399	74-227	.326	224-304	.737	278	392	670	41.9	246	2	210	236	89	92	1096	68.5
Opponents.....		16	3225		353-942	.375	68-229	.297	210-294	.714	235	362	597	37.3	284	4	219	251	59	95	984	61.5

TEAM STATISTICS	PITT	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1096	984	* 01/04/09	WEST VIRGINIA	w 63-72	4528
Points per game	68.5	61.5	* 1/7/09	at Providence	L 69-77	251
Scoring margin	+7.0	-	* 01/10/09	DEPAUL	L 69-62	3552
FIELD GOALS-ATT	399-1001	353-942	* 01/17/09	SOUTH FLORIDA	w 47-79	4379
Field goal pct	.399	.375	* 01/20/09	at Seton Hall	w 76-40	525
3 POINT FG-ATT	74-227	68-229	* 01/24/09	at Syracuse	w 77-75	1647
3-point FG pct	.326	.297	* 01/27/09	at Georgetown	w 50-39	617
3-pt FG made per game	4.6	4.3	* 01/30/09	MARQUETTE	w 54-86	5684
FREE THROWS-ATT	224-304	210-294	* 02/03/09	NOTRE DAME	w 70-82	3813
Free throw pct	.737	.714	* 02/10/09	at Rutgers	Wot 61-53	3203
F-Throws made per game	14.0	13.1	* 2/15/09	at Connecticut	L 42-95	9987
REBOUNDS	670	597	* 02/18/09	VILLANOVA	w 54-70	3120
Rebounds per game	41.9	37.3	* 02/21/09	CINCINNATI	w 53-68	6443
Rebounding margin	+4.6	-	* 2/24/09	at West Virginia	w 72-60	1275
ASSISTS	210	219	* 2/28/09	at LOUISVILLE	L 51-75	11335
Assists per game	13.1	13.7	* 03/02/09	ST. JOHN'S	w 60-79	3386
TURNOVERS	236	251	* - Conference game			
Turnovers per game	14.8	15.7				
Turnover margin	+0.9	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.9	0.9				
STEALS	92	95				
Steals per game	5.8	5.9				
BLOCKS	89	59				
Blocks per game	5.6	3.7				
ATTENDANCE	34905	28840				
Home games-Avg/Game	8-4363	8-3605				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Pitt Panthers	537	543	16	1096
Opponents	470	506	8	984

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Non-conference games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	13-3	7-0	3-1	3-2
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	13-3	7-0	3-1	3-2

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
01	ZELLOUS, Shavonte	16-16	509	31.8	118-291	.405	28-73	.384	99-122	.811	29	56	85	5.3	35	0	42	50	12	17	363	22.7
33	STEWART, Xenia	16-16	518	32.4	73-146	.500	16-32	.500	35-44	.795	38	38	76	4.8	43	2	48	30	2	28	197	12.3
10	HARRISON, Taneisha	16-11	438	27.4	56-142	.394	18-48	.375	23-38	.605	16	40	56	3.5	34	0	53	30	1	18	153	9.6
25	SCOTT, Shayla	16-16	472	29.5	49-118	.415	15-44	.341	29-38	.763	42	72	114	7.1	33	0	38	28	17	17	142	8.9
40	WILSON, Pepper	16-15	370	23.1	56-109	.514	0-0	.000	24-29	.828	43	61	104	6.5	37	0	9	36	22	11	136	8.5
02	SALLARD, Sophronia	16-4	345	21.6	39-94	.415	5-14	.357	12-16	.750	17	41	58	3.6	24	0	46	27	11	18	95	5.9
50	POPOVEC, Kate	15-1	235	15.7	35-57	.614	0-0	.000	15-30	.500	36	56	92	6.1	25	0	7	15	15	4	85	5.7
32	NWUDE, Selena	2-0	14	7.0	5-7	.714	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3	0	3	1.5	1	0	0	0	1	0	10	5.0
22	COLE, Chelsea	15-0	212	14.1	23-52	.442	0-0	.000	6-13	.462	21	39	60	4.0	17	0	7	11	12	6	52	3.5
14	SIMS, Jania	1-1	5	5.0	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2.0
24	OGOKE, Sarah	12-0	82	6.8	7-18	.389	3-5	.600	3-4	.750	3	6	9	0.8	7	0	8	3	0	2	20	1.7
Total.....		16	3200		461-1037	.445	85-216	.394	248-336	.738	278	444	722	45.1	256	2	259	230	93	121	1255	78.4
Opponents.....		16	3200		306-902	.339	69-215	.321	189-265	.713	189	334	523	32.7	274	3	173	311	50	92	870	54.4

TEAM STATISTICS	PITT	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1255	870	11/16/08	vs Texas A&M	L 50-56	7954
Points per game	78.4	54.4	11/20/08	at Western Michigan	w 88-60	784
Scoring margin	+24.1	-	11/24/08	PENN STATE	w 59-80	2080
FIELD GOALS-ATT	461-1037	306-902	11/28/08	ELON	w 49-84	323
Field goal pct	.445	.339	11/29/08	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	w 42-99	2791
3 POINT FG-ATT	85-216	69-215	12/3/08	at Duquesne	w 66-47	1063
3-point FG pct	.394	.321	12/07/08	MARYLAND	w 57-86	3223
3-pt FG made per game	5.3	4.3	12/13/08	WEST VIRGINIA STATE	w 37-85	2548
FREE THROWS-ATT	248-336	189-265	12/16/08	WAGNER	w 41-98	2354
Free throw pct	.738	.713	12/19/08	at Florida A&M	w 89-59	127
F-Throws made per game	15.5	11.8	12/21/08	at Florida	L 83-90	1377
REBOUNDS	722	523	12/30/08	WESTERN KENTUCKY	w 50-93	3402
Rebounds per game	45.1	32.7	3/8/09	vs DePaul	w 59-62	8957
Rebounding margin	+12.4	-	3/9/09	vs LOUISVILLE	L 63-69	9588
ASSISTS	259	173	03/21/09	vs Montana	w 35-64	0
Assists per game	16.2	10.8	03/23/09	vs Gonzaga	w 60-65	2270
TURNOVERS	230	311	* - Conference game			
Turnovers per game	14.4	19.4				
Turnover margin	+5.1	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	0.6				
STEALS	121	92				
Steals per game	7.6	5.8				
BLOCKS	93	50				
Blocks per game	5.8	3.1				
ATTENDANCE	16721	32120				
Home games-Avg/Game	7-2389	4-838				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	5-5754				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
Pitt Panthers	586	669	1255
Opponents	429	441	870

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Home games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	14-1	14-1	0-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	7-1	7-1	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	7-0	7-0	0-0	0-0

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
01	ZELLOUS, Shavonte	15-15	485	32.3	122-280	.436	31-77	.403	73-99	.737	27	55	82	5.5	27	0	51	43	9	13	348	23.2
33	STEWART, Xenia	15-15	477	31.8	62-134	.463	18-34	.529	36-45	.800	32	28	60	4.0	38	0	59	21	4	19	178	11.9
10	HARRISON, Taneisha	15-8	385	25.7	60-130	.462	20-44	.455	25-32	.781	18	30	48	3.2	25	0	45	31	4	9	165	11.0
25	SCOTT, Shayla	15-15	408	27.2	47-116	.405	17-41	.415	32-41	.780	48	58	106	7.1	33	0	36	18	18	11	143	9.5
40	WILSON, Pepper	15-15	331	22.1	46-94	.489	0-0	.000	20-26	.769	34	72	106	7.1	29	1	9	35	22	10	112	7.5
02	SALLARD, Sophronia	15-7	358	23.9	44-98	.449	2-12	.167	12-15	.800	16	38	54	3.6	22	0	38	24	9	11	102	6.8
50	POPOVEC, Kate	13-0	212	16.3	29-51	.569	0-0	.000	18-34	.529	31	46	77	5.9	21	0	8	10	18	4	76	5.8
22	COLE, Chelsea	15-0	232	15.5	26-55	.473	0-0	.000	9-15	.600	31	52	83	5.5	16	0	9	19	12	6	61	4.1
32	NWUDE, Selena	8-0	42	5.3	8-12	.667	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	6	3	9	1.1	5	0	0	0	3	0	17	2.1
24	OGOKE, Sarah	13-0	70	5.4	8-19	.421	2-3	.667	3-7	.429	2	4	6	0.5	4	0	7	4	0	3	21	1.6
Total.....		15	3000		452-989	.457	90-211	.427	229-318	.720	276	421	697	46.5	220	1	262	207	99	86	1223	81.5
Opponents.....		15	3000		295-861	.343	57-196	.291	158-231	.684	180	302	482	32.1	266	5	192	270	41	72	805	53.7

TEAM STATISTICS	PITT	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1223	805	11/24/08	PENN STATE	w 59-80	2080
Points per game	81.5	53.7	11/28/08	ELON	w 49-84	323
Scoring margin	+27.9	-	11/29/08	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	w 42-99	2791
FIELD GOALS-ATT	452-989	295-861	12/07/08	MARYLAND	w 57-86	3223
Field goal pct	.457	.343	12/13/08	WEST VIRGINIA STATE	w 37-85	2548
3 POINT FG-ATT	90-211	57-196	12/16/08	WAGNER	w 41-98	2354
3-point FG pct	.427	.291	12/30/08	WESTERN KENTUCKY	w 50-93	3402
3-pt FG made per game	6.0	3.8	* 01/04/09	WEST VIRGINIA	w 63-72	4528
FREE THROWS-ATT	229-318	158-231	* 01/10/09	DEPAUL	L 69-62	3552
Free throw pct	.720	.684	* 01/17/09	SOUTH FLORIDA	w 47-79	4379
F-Throws made per game	15.3	10.5	* 01/30/09	MARQUETTE	w 54-86	5684
REBOUNDS	697	482	* 02/03/09	NOTRE DAME	w 70-82	3813
Rebounds per game	46.5	32.1	* 02/18/09	VILLANOVA	w 54-70	3120
Rebounding margin	+14.3	-	* 02/21/09	CINCINNATI	w 53-68	6443
ASSISTS	262	192	* 03/02/09	ST. JOHN'S	w 60-79	3386
Assists per game	17.5	12.8	* - Conference game			
TURNOVERS	207	270				
Turnovers per game	13.8	18.0				
Turnover margin	+4.2	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.3	0.7				
STEALS	86	72				
Steals per game	5.7	4.8				
BLOCKS	99	41				
Blocks per game	6.6	2.7				
ATTENDANCE	51626	0				
Home games-Avg/Game	15-3442	0-0				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
Pitt Panthers	585	638	1223
Opponents	383	422	805

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Away games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	8-4	0-0	8-4	0-0
CONFERENCE	5-3	0-0	5-3	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-1	0-0	3-1	0-0

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
01	ZELLOUS, Shavonte	12-12	408	34.0	84-196	.429	20-60	.333	73-92	.793	22	48	70	5.8	33	0	37	39	7	15	261	21.8
33	STEWART, Xenia	12-12	390	32.5	50-120	.417	6-18	.333	24-31	.774	20	26	46	3.8	25	1	25	31	1	23	130	10.8
25	SCOTT, Shayla	12-12	371	30.9	41-116	.353	11-42	.262	11-12	.917	26	55	81	6.8	29	1	16	17	10	8	104	8.7
02	SALLARD, Sophronia	12-7	292	24.3	38-82	.463	4-12	.333	10-14	.714	17	10	27	2.3	21	0	41	20	1	16	90	7.5
10	HARRISON, Taneisha	12-5	309	25.8	31-109	.284	7-33	.212	14-21	.667	20	21	41	3.4	22	0	27	20	4	10	83	6.9
40	WILSON, Pepper	12-12	251	20.9	28-65	.431	0-0	.000	10-13	.769	35	31	66	5.5	32	0	7	30	12	4	66	5.5
50	POPOVEC, Kate	9-0	109	12.1	17-27	.630	0-0	.000	4-8	.500	16	25	41	4.6	10	0	1	7	4	0	38	4.2
22	COLE, Chelsea	11-0	194	17.6	16-36	.444	0-0	.000	9-15	.600	26	39	65	5.9	20	0	3	13	14	10	41	3.7
24	OGOKE, Sarah	7-0	49	7.0	2-11	.182	1-6	.167	2-2	1.000	1	2	3	0.4	2	0	1	4	1	1	7	1.0
32	NWUDE, Selena	6-0	53	8.8	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	9	11	1.8	8	0	2	3	4	2	4	0.7
Total.....		12	2426		308-768	.401	49-171	.287	159-210	.757	210	294	504	42.0	204	2	160	187	58	89	824	68.7
Opponents.....		12	2425		264-709	.372	60-171	.351	182-244	.746	185	271	456	38.0	207	1	143	207	48	75	770	64.2

TEAM STATISTICS	PITT	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	824	770	11/20/08	at Western Michigan	w 88-60	784
Points per game	68.7	64.2	12/3/08	at Duquesne	w 66-47	1063
Scoring margin	+4.5	-	12/19/08	at Florida A&M	w 89-59	127
FIELD GOALS-ATT	308-768	264-709	12/21/08	at Florida	L 83-90	1377
Field goal pct	.401	.372	* 1/7/09	at Providence	L 69-77	251
3 POINT FG-ATT	49-171	60-171	* 01/20/09	at Seton Hall	w 76-40	525
3-point FG pct	.287	.351	* 01/24/09	at Syracuse	w 77-75	1647
3-pt FG made per game	4.1	5.0	* 01/27/09	at Georgetown	w 50-39	617
FREE THROWS-ATT	159-210	182-244	* 02/10/09	at Rutgers	Wot 61-53	3203
Free throw pct	.757	.746	* 2/15/09	at Connecticut	L 42-95	9987
F-Throws made per game	13.3	15.2	* 2/24/09	at West Virginia	w 72-60	1275
REBOUNDS	504	456	* 2/28/09	at LOUISVILLE	L 51-75	11335
Rebounds per game	42.0	38.0	* - Conference game			
Rebounding margin	+4.0	-				
ASSISTS	160	143				
Assists per game	13.3	11.9				
TURNOVERS	187	207				
Turnovers per game	15.6	17.3				
Turnover margin	+1.7	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.9	0.7				
STEALS	89	75				
Steals per game	7.4	6.3				
BLOCKS	58	48				
Blocks per game	4.8	4.0				
ATTENDANCE	0	32191				
Home games-Avg/Game	0-0	12-2683				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Pitt Panthers	405	403	16	824
Opponents	375	387	8	770

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Neutral site games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	3-2	0-0	0-0	3-2
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-2	0-0	0-0	3-2

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
01	ZELLOUS, Shavonte	5-5	175	35.0	32-95	.337	6-19	.316	50-60	.833	11	17	28	5.6	11	0	6	15	4	6	120	24.0
33	STEWART, Xenia	5-5	179	35.8	12-29	.414	4-9	.444	13-16	.813	11	11	22	4.4	11	1	13	8	2	9	41	8.2
40	WILSON, Pepper	5-4	108	21.6	16-31	.516	0-0	.000	7-10	.700	16	14	30	6.0	13	0	1	6	9	3	39	7.8
25	SCOTT, Shayla	5-5	160	32.0	13-36	.361	7-17	.412	3-7	.429	7	23	30	6.0	9	0	7	10	0	7	36	7.2
10	HARRISON, Taneisha	5-0	103	20.6	9-36	.250	2-14	.143	8-13	.615	3	10	13	2.6	10	0	8	13	0	5	28	5.6
02	SALLARD, Sophronia	5-4	128	25.6	11-30	.367	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	3	12	15	3.0	9	0	8	14	3	4	23	4.6
22	COLE, Chelsea	5-0	98	19.6	5-15	.333	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	5	15	20	4.0	8	0	1	5	7	4	11	2.2
14	SIMS, Jania	1-1	5	5.0	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2.0
32	NWUDE, Selena	1-0	5	5.0	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
50	POPOVEC, Kate	4-1	30	7.5	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	2	7	9	2.3	4	0	1	1	0	0	2	0.5
24	OGOKE, Sarah	2-0	9	4.5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....		5	1000		100-281	.356	20-61	.328	84-112	.750	70	121	191	38.2	78	1	47	72	25	38	304	60.8
Opponents.....		5	1000		100-274	.365	20-77	.260	59-84	.702	59	123	182	36.4	85	1	57	85	20	40	279	55.8

TEAM STATISTICS	PITT	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	304	279	11/16/08	vs Texas A&M	L 50-56	7954
Points per game	60.8	55.8	3/8/09	vs DePaul	w 59-62	8957
Scoring margin	+5.0	-	3/9/09	vs LOUISVILLE	L 63-69	9588
FIELD GOALS-ATT	100-281	100-274	03/21/09	vs Montana	w 35-64	0
Field goal pct	.356	.365	03/23/09	vs Gonzaga	w 60-65	2270
3 POINT FG-ATT	20-61	20-77	* - Conference game			
3-point FG pct	.328	.260				
3-pt FG made per game	4.0	4.0				
FREE THROWS-ATT	84-112	59-84				
Free throw pct	.750	.702				
F-Throws made per game	16.8	11.8				
REBOUNDS	191	182				
Rebounds per game	38.2	36.4				
Rebounding margin	+1.8	-				
ASSISTS	47	57				
Assists per game	9.4	11.4				
TURNOVERS	72	85				
Turnovers per game	14.4	17.0				
Turnover margin	+2.6	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.7	0.7				
STEALS	38	40				
Steals per game	7.6	8.0				
BLOCKS	25	20				
Blocks per game	5.0	4.0				
ATTENDANCE	0	28769				
Home games-Avg/Game	0-0	0-0				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	5-5754				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
Pitt Panthers	133	171	304
Opponents	141	138	279

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Games won

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	25-0	14-0	8-0	3-0
CONFERENCE	12-0	7-0	5-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	13-0	7-0	3-0	3-0

#	Player	gp-gs	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds									pts	avg			
			min	avg	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a			to	blk	stl
01	ZELLOUS, Shavonte	25-25	816	32.6	190-448	.424	47-125	.376	128-167	.766	53	97	150	6.0	52	0	78	68	18	29	555	22.2
33	STEWART, Xenia	25-25	818	32.7	102-230	.443	26-55	.473	57-70	.814	40	50	90	3.6	50	0	86	42	6	38	287	11.5
25	SCOTT, Shayla	25-25	739	29.6	87-211	.412	27-72	.375	44-52	.846	74	116	190	7.6	56	1	50	34	25	23	245	9.8
10	HARRISON, Taneisha	25-11	634	25.4	89-219	.406	25-66	.379	40-53	.755	30	50	80	3.2	43	0	67	47	8	20	243	9.7
02	SALLARD, Sophronia	25-14	611	24.4	76-169	.450	4-19	.211	21-26	.808	30	51	81	3.2	37	0	69	38	13	26	177	7.1
40	WILSON, Pepper	25-24	523	20.9	71-149	.477	0-0	.000	28-38	.737	64	104	168	6.7	55	1	16	49	37	12	170	6.8
50	POPOVEC, Kate	20-1	295	14.8	44-76	.579	0-0	.000	22-42	.524	48	66	114	5.7	26	0	10	17	20	4	110	5.5
22	COLE, Chelsea	25-0	417	16.7	42-95	.442	0-0	.000	13-23	.565	55	86	141	5.6	36	0	12	30	28	14	97	3.9
32	NWUDE, Selena	11-0	73	6.6	9-17	.529	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	7	7	14	1.3	10	0	1	1	6	1	21	1.9
24	OGOKE, Sarah	16-0	100	6.3	10-25	.400	3-5	.600	3-7	.429	3	6	9	0.6	5	0	9	6	0	3	26	1.6
Total.....		25	5026		720-1639	.439	132-342	.386	359-484	.742	456	693	1149	46.0	370	2	398	337	161	170	1931	77.2
Opponents.....		25	5025		475-1431	.332	98-346	.283	275-395	.696	317	512	829	33.2	422	5	285	448	81	120	1323	52.9

TEAM STATISTICS	PITT	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1931	1323	11/20/08	at Western Michigan	w 88-60	784
Points per game	77.2	52.9	11/24/08	PENN STATE	w 59-80	2080
Scoring margin	+24.3	-	11/28/08	ELON	w 49-84	323
FIELD GOALS-ATT	720-1639	475-1431	^ 11/29/08	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	w 42-99	2791
Field goal pct	.439	.332	12/3/08	at Duquesne	w 66-47	1063
3 POINT FG-ATT	132-342	98-346	12/07/08	MARYLAND	w 57-86	3223
3-point FG pct	.386	.283	12/13/08	WEST VIRGINIA STATE	w 37-85	2548
3-pt FG made per game	5.3	3.9	12/16/08	WAGNER	w 41-98	2354
FREE THROWS-ATT	359-484	275-395	12/19/08	at Florida A&M	w 89-59	127
Free throw pct	.742	.696	12/30/08	WESTERN KENTUCKY	w 50-93	3402
F-Throws made per game	14.4	11.0	* 01/04/09	WEST VIRGINIA	w 63-72	4528
REBOUNDS	1149	829	* 01/17/09	SOUTH FLORIDA	w 47-79	4379
Rebounds per game	46.0	33.2	* 01/20/09	at Seton Hall	w 76-40	525
Rebounding margin	+12.8	-	* 01/24/09	at Syracuse	w 77-75	1647
ASSISTS	398	285	* 01/27/09	at Georgetown	w 50-39	617
Assists per game	15.9	11.4	* 01/30/09	MARQUETTE	w 54-86	5684
TURNOVERS	337	448	* 02/03/09	NOTRE DAME	w 70-82	3813
Turnovers per game	13.5	17.9	* 02/10/09	at Rutgers	Wot 61-53	3203
Turnover margin	+4.4	-	* 02/18/09	VILLANOVA	w 54-70	3120
Assist/turnover ratio	1.2	0.6	* 02/21/09	CINCINNATI	w 53-68	6443
STEALS	170	120	* 2/24/09	at West Virginia	w 72-60	1275
Steals per game	6.8	4.8	* 03/02/09	ST. JOHN'S	w 60-79	3386
BLOCKS	161	81	3/8/09	vs DePaul	w 59-62	8957
Blocks per game	6.4	3.2	03/21/09	vs Montana	w 35-64	0
ATTENDANCE	48074	20468	03/23/09	vs Gonzaga	w 60-65	2270
Home games-Avg/Game	14-3434	8-1155	* - Conference game			
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	3-3742				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Pitt Panthers	903	1012	16	1931
Opponents	633	682	8	1323

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Games lost

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	0-7	0-1	0-4	0-2
CONFERENCE	0-4	0-1	0-3	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-3	0-0	0-1	0-2

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
01	ZELLOUS, Shavonte	7-7	252	36.0	48-123	.390	10-31	.323	68-84	.810	7	23	30	4.3	19	0	16	29	2	5	174	24.9
33	STEWART, Xenia	7-7	228	32.6	22-53	.415	2-6	.333	16-22	.727	23	15	38	5.4	24	2	11	18	1	13	62	8.9
40	WILSON, Pepper	7-7	167	23.9	19-41	.463	0-0	.000	9-11	.818	21	13	34	4.9	19	0	1	22	6	5	47	6.7
02	SALLARD, Sophronia	7-4	167	23.9	17-41	.415	3-7	.429	1-3	.333	6	9	15	2.1	15	0	18	20	0	5	38	5.4
25	SCOTT, Shayla	7-7	200	28.6	14-57	.246	8-28	.286	2-8	.250	7	20	27	3.9	15	0	9	11	3	3	38	5.4
10	HARRISON, Taneisha	7-2	163	23.3	11-56	.196	4-25	.160	7-13	.538	11	11	22	3.1	14	0	13	17	0	4	33	4.7
22	COLE, Chelsea	6-0	107	17.8	5-11	.455	0-0	.000	6-9	.667	7	20	27	4.5	8	0	1	7	5	6	16	2.7
14	SIMS, Jania	1-1	5	5.0	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2.0
50	POPOVEC, Kate	6-0	56	9.3	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	1	12	13	2.2	9	0	0	1	2	0	6	1.0
32	NWUDE, Selena	4-0	27	6.8	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	5	6	1.5	3	0	1	2	1	1	2	0.5
24	OGOKE, Sarah	6-0	28	4.7	0-5	.000	0-4	.000	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	0.2	4	0	0	2	1	1	2	0.3
Total.....		7	1400		140-399	.351	27-101	.267	113-156	.724	100	143	243	34.7	132	2	71	129	21	43	420	60.0
Opponents.....		7	1400		184-413	.446	39-98	.398	124-164	.756	107	184	291	41.6	136	2	107	114	28	67	531	75.9

TEAM STATISTICS	PITT	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	420	531	11/16/08	vs Texas A&M	L 50-56	7954
Points per game	60.0	75.9	12/21/08	at Florida	L 83-90	1377
Scoring margin	-15.9	-	* 1/7/09	at Providence	L 69-77	251
FIELD GOALS-ATT	140-399	184-413	* 01/10/09	DEPAUL	L 69-62	3552
Field goal pct	.351	.446	* 2/15/09	at Connecticut	L 42-95	9987
3 POINT FG-ATT	27-101	39-98	* 2/28/09	at LOUISVILLE	L 51-75	11335
3-point FG pct	.267	.398	3/9/09	vs LOUISVILLE	L 63-69	9588
3-pt FG made per game	3.9	5.6	* - Conference game			
FREE THROWS-ATT	113-156	124-164				
Free throw pct	.724	.756				
F-Throws made per game	16.1	17.7				
REBOUNDS	243	291				
Rebounds per game	34.7	41.6				
Rebounding margin	-6.9	-				
ASSISTS	71	107				
Assists per game	10.1	15.3				
TURNOVERS	129	114				
Turnovers per game	18.4	16.3				
Turnover margin	-2.1	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.6	0.9				
STEALS	43	67				
Steals per game	6.1	9.6				
BLOCKS	21	28				
Blocks per game	3.0	4.0				
ATTENDANCE	3552	40492				
Home games-Avg/Game	1-3552	4-5738				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	2-8771				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
Pitt Panthers	220	200	420
Opponents	266	265	531



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Pitt women hold off Gonzaga for sweet win

By Karen Price
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SEATTLE — Minutes after the Pitt women were announced as a No. 4 seed in the NCAA Tournament, Shavonte Zellous said anything less than the Sweet 16 would be a disappointment.

With three and a half minutes left against No. 12 Gonzaga in the second round Monday night at the Bank of America Arena, it was anyone's game.

Zellous decided to make it her game.

The Panthers' leading scorer, who uncharacteristically had just one field goal in the entire first half, had nine points in the final minutes of the game. Helped by a 3-pointer from fellow senior Xenia Stewart, Zellous took Pitt from a three-point deficit to a three-point lead and an eventual 65-60 win.

For the second year in a row, the Pitt women are going to the Sweet 16.

"The last three minutes, I think everybody had ownership, not only me," Zellous said. "I think Xenia had ownership, I think Shayla (Scott) had ownership, Chelsea (Cole) and (Sophronia Sallard) was there. It wasn't just me. But I did say that anything less than the Sweet 16 would be a failure in our eyes. We went there last year, and this year, we wanted to go there again."

The win wasn't necessarily pretty.

The score was tied 14 times and the lead changed 16 times while Gonzaga was 16 of 16 from the line and Pitt 20 of 22. The Panthers scored 17 points off 18 Gonzaga turnovers, while Gonzaga scored 14 points off of Pitt's 15 turnovers.

Even Zellous, who wound up with 24 points, got 10 of them from the line and was 6 of 21 from the field. She added seven rebounds, while freshman center Pepper Wilson had 10 points and seven rebounds and Stewart had 12

points, two rebounds and three assists.

Pitt will now face the winner of today's matchup between No. 1 Oklahoma and No. 9 Georgia Tech matchup in Oklahoma on Sunday.

"We have really big goals and one of our goals was to not stop here," Pitt coach Agnus Berenato said. "Gonzaga is a great team. They're really well-coached. I'm just so excited that both of our men and women are going to the Sweet 16."

This will be the Pitt women's second consecutive trip to the Sweet 16 in just their third consecutive trip — and third overall — to the NCAA Tournament. In 2008 as a No. 6 seed they lost to No. 2 Stanford in the round of 16 after beating No. 3 Baylor and No. 11 Wyoming in the first two rounds. In 2007, as a No. 8 seed, they beat No. 9 James Madison then lost to No. 1 Tennessee in the second round.

Pitt (25-7) defeated No. 13 Montana, 64-35, in their first-round game Saturday night.

After a late Gonzaga surge to tie it, 24-24, at the half, the Panthers and Gonzaga fought through a foul-filled second half.

After going nearly four minutes without a point, Zellous drained a 3-pointer to tie it, 54-54. Gonzaga answered back with a jumper from Vivian Frieson, then Stewart hit another 3-pointer to put Pitt ahead by one. Frieson answered again, and Zellous missed her next shot.

Gonzaga point guard Courtney Vander-sloot got the rebound but turned it over to Sallard, who got the ball to Zellous on the fast break. This time she didn't miss.

Gonzaga missed on their next possession and got the rebound but turned it over again, this time to Stewart, and Zellous scored again to make it 61-58. Heather Bowman made a layup to bring the Zags within one, and Scott

turned the ball over on Pitt's next possession. But the Panthers got lucky when Janelle Bekkering was called for traveling.

Gonzaga sent Zellous and Stewart to the line and missed two 3-point attempts in the final 15 seconds.

The Zags (27-8) got their first NCAA Tournament win on Saturday night, beating No. 5 Xavier.

"You know, it was a tough-fought game," Frieson said. "They played well, we played well. It came down to the last couple of minutes. It was just a tough game. Pittsburgh's a good team and they wanted it."

Panthers hold off stubborn Zags to advance to Sweet Sixteen

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

By Paul Zeise, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

SEATTLE -- Pitt coach Agnus Berenato has often said her senior guards Shavonte Zellous and Xenia Stewart are backbone of the Panthers' recent success and began the revival of the program. The two have been starters since their first season, have led the team to the postseason every year and have been in the lineup for 95 wins over the past four years.

There may have never been a better example of their leadership, will to win and ability to carry the Panthers to heights that most people never imagined than what took place in the final minutes of Pitt's heartstopping, 65-60, win against Gonzaga in an NCAA women's tournament second-round game last night at Bank of America Arena.

The Panthers (25-7), the No. 4 seed, were reeling, trailing by three points and looking for answers and facing the very real possibility of being upset by the 12th-seeded Zags, who had the benefit of a very friendly crowd. But that's when Berenato put the game in the hands of her two outstanding seniors.

And as they usually have over the past four years, Stewart and Zellous came through in a big way and made the plays the Panthers needed down the stretch and led the team into the Sweet 16 for the second consecutive season.

"At the [four-minute] media timeout I told the players that it takes courage to be a champion and cowards run and hide when the going gets tough," Berenato said. "The other players listened to it, but you could see Xenia and Shavonte were all about that and it pumped them up, and they went back onto the court with the attitude that they would not let us lose this game.

"And they played with great courage - the courage to take those big shots

down the stretch, the courage to sneak out and get a steal knowing if you don't get it is an open shot -- they played like champions, they were not ready for their career and our season to end."

Stewart, who had 12 points and three assists, said simply, "We weren't going to let anyone take this away from us."

And Zellous, who was saddled with foul trouble throughout most of the first half and struggled shooting, finished with 24 points and seven rebounds.

But the two, as Berenato said, were at their best when the game was on the line.

The Panthers and Zags played a hard-fought, physical battle and neither team could get separation as there were 14 ties and 16 lead changes.

But when Gonzaga's Courtney Vander-sloot made a layup with 3:50 to play, it gave the Zags a 54-51 lead, and at that point the Panthers desperately needed a basket from someone as they had gone nearly four minutes without scoring.

Not surprisingly, it was Zellous who stepped up and hit a 3-pointer from the corner to tie the score. Then, after Vivian Frieson gave the Zags a 56-54 lead with a jumper, Stewart hit a 3-pointer to give the Panthers a one-point lead.

Pitt would trail one more time, when Frieson made another jumper to give the Zags a 58-57 advantage with 2:25 to play.

But Zellous made a layup to put Pitt up, 59-58, with 1:46 to play and then Stewart got a big steal and pushed the ball forward to Zellous, who scored again to put the Panthers up, 61-58, with 49 seconds to play.

From there, Zellous and Stewart each hit two free throws to ice the game -- and Stewart grabbed the game-clinching rebound on a missed 3-point attempt by Janelle Bekkering.

"I think we all had ownership in this game," Zellous said. "I know me and Xenia being the seniors take it on our shoulders to be the leaders, but everyone came to play and to do their job and we pulled through."

The Panthers also got a great second-half performance out of reserve center Chelsea Cole, who only scored two points but was a dominant force on the defensive end as she had six rebounds and blocked five shots.

Freshman Pepper Wilson also added 10 points and seven rebounds, and Sophronia Sallard added three big steals.

Pitt did struggle, however, to contain Vandersloot, who scored 18 points and had seven assists. But Berenato switched to a 3-2 zone -- a defense the Panthers never use -- in order to slow her down, and it helped in the game's closing moments.

Pitt will next play the winner of a game tonight between No. 1 seed Oklahoma (29-4) and No. 8 seed Georgia Tech (22-9) Sunday in Oklahoma City.

Gonzaga finished 27-7.

Pitt cheering section small, but vocal

By Karen Price

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SEATTLE — Gonzaga's campus may be roughly 300 miles from Seattle, but it's a heck of a lot closer than Pitt's campus to the site of the Oklahoma City Region first- and second-round games.

So, just as they did against Montana, the Pitt women realized Monday that there were a lot more fans cheering for the other team. The blue-and-red Gonzaga shirts far outnumbered the blue and gold, and even those in attendance not necessarily for the Zags cheered along state lines to start the game.

That's not to say that the Panthers haven't had a vocal crowd behind them — small, but vocal — the past two games of the NCAA Tournament at Bank of America Arena on the University of Washington Campus. The group, consisting mostly of staff, families and 30 to 40 alumni, have been doing their best to make sure the Pitt players know they're there.

Just before tipoff against No. 12 Gonzaga last night, the "Let's Go Pitt" chants started first.

"We don't need a lot. We really don't," coach Agnus Berenato said. "We're pretty low maintenance and really stick together as a team."

Berenato had seven family members in attendance for the team's first two games, while assistant Jeff Williams' wife, assistant Caroline McCombs' mother and assistant Yolett McPhee-McCuin's husband made the trip out, as did the parents of Shayla Scott. Dean of students Dr. Kathy Humphrey flew out Saturday, and athletic director Steve Pederson arrived yesterday in time for the game. Pitt's crew also includes members of the support staff and administration.

Including the players, the Pitt traveling party totals about 50.

"The only person who's really missing — and we're really feeling it — is (senior associate athletic director) Carol Sprague," Berenato said. "Her mom's really sick and she's where she needs to be. But her spirit is with us."

Also missing from Pitt's regular game attendees is the band. Because they joined the Pitt men in Dayton, Ohio, the women hired a high school band to play for their game Saturday against Montana. Xavier used the same band for their game against Gonzaga.

"They were so cute," Berenato said of the high school band. "I have to be honest, I didn't hear them. But (the players) said the first time they played the Pitt song they were so soft and our band director was jumping up and down. But as they got into it, they got louder and louder."

Last night, Pitt used the University of Washington's band for the game.

Sophomore forward Shayla Scott said Sunday that they were hoping to silence the Gonzaga crowd the same way they did the Montana crowd Saturday.

"We like playing in a hostile environment with a lot of people who aren't cheering for us," Scott said. "It's always fun when they're loud during the game and you can silence them by getting steals and scoring on them and putting the crowd to rest."

Pitt women advance to Sweet 16

Monday, March 23, 2009

By Paul Zeise, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

SEATTLE -- Pitt is headed to the Sweet 16 for the second consecutive season, but the road the Panthers traveled certainly wasn't very easy.

The Panthers, who are the No. 4 seed in the Oklahoma City Regional, had to weather a hostile crowd -- and survive an even more hostile group of players from No. 12 seed Gonzaga -- to defeat the Zags, 65-60, tonight at Bank of America Arena in an NCAA Tournament Oklahoma City regional second round game.

Pitt struggled offensively for most of the game but in the end they got some huge baskets from their two seniors, Xenia Stewart and Shavonte Zellous, to pull out the heart-stopping win.

Zellous got a steal and a lay-up with less than a minute to play to give the Panthers a 61-60 lead and then made two free throws with 15.9 seconds left to push the lead to 63-60. Gonzaga (27-8) had one last chance -- but Gonzaga's desperation 3-point attempt hit the front of the rim and Stewart grabbed the rebound and made two free throws to put the game out of reach.

Pitt (25-7) will next play the winner of tomorrow night's game between No. 1 seed Oklahoma (29-4) and No. 8 seed Georgia Tech (22-9) on Sunday in Oklahoma City.

The Panthers were led again by Zellous who scored 24 points and she did that despite the fact that she picked up two early fouls, had to sit for stretches of the first half, and then picked up her third foul within the first four minutes of the second half.

Still, the Panthers were down 9-2 when Zellous picked up her second foul of the game and with her out they didn't appear to have any scoring option as they struggled to make their shots. But the Panthers seemed to rally without Zellous in the lineup as they made an 8-0 run and took a 10-9 lead on a lay-

up by Chelsea Cole.

During that run the Panthers got 3-pointers from both Shayla Scott and Xenia Stewart and some key rebounds from Chelsea Cole which limited the Zags to only one shot per offensive possession.

The Panthers then got a little bit of separation because of their defense and because the Zags seemed to get worn down by the frantic early pace.

Scott broke a 14-14 tie with two free throws then Pepper Wilson gave the Panthers an 18-14 edge with a put-back.

The Panthers then stretched their lead to 22-16 a little later on with a jumper by Sophronia Sallard and led 24-18 after Xenia Stewart made a jumper with 1:30 to play in the first half.

But Gonzaga standout Courtney Vandersloot got a steal and lay-up and that sparked a 6-0 run to the end of the half by the Zags and the game was tied at the half, 24-24.

The first half was ugly to say the least as neither team could find their shooting touch and the result was a lot of missed shots and bad possessions.

Gonzaga made only 9 of 31 field goals in the first half (29 percent) and some of that was due to Pitt's defense -- but the Panthers weren't much better as they made only 9-of-28 field goals, including just 2 of 7 free throw attempts.

The two teams came out of the locker room after the half, however, and appeared to settle down some as they traded some early baskets and had some better offensive possessions.

Gonzaga grabbed a 31-29 lead after Janelle Bekkering hit two free throws with 18:10 to play. But Zellous tied the game at the 17-minute mark with two free throws and Pepper Wilson gave the Panthers a 33-31 edge with two free throws on the next possession.

Still, the Zags wouldn't go away and took a 45-42 lead at the 10:56 mark when Schaefer hit an open 3-pointer from the corner. Taneisha Harrison pulled the Panthers back to within 45-44 on the next possession with a jumper but Heather Bowman answered with a quick lay-up, to push the Zags lead back up to three points.

But Zellous hit three free throws to tie the game, then Harrison made a lay-up, and then, after a steal, made two free throws to put the Panthers back up by four -- 51-47 -- with 7:41 to play.

But Bowman made a lay-up and was fouled and sank the free throw to give the Zags the 52-51 lead with 6:33 to play.

The game remained close until the closing moments but the Panthers went almost four minutes in the second half without scoring but came to life just in time as Zellous and Stewart hit back-to-back 3-pointers to give the Panthers a 57-56 lead with 2:51 to play.

Gonzaga women hang tough, but eventually fall to Pitt 65-60

By Jayda Evans
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Pittsburgh coach Agnus Berenato had enough of Courtney Vandersloot.

The Gonzaga point guard was shredding the Pitt defense, helping the No. 12 seed hang with the No. 4 bully too long. So Berenato and her staff remembered a defensive strategy they rarely play, but know is effective: a three-two zone.

With the Panthers down 54-51 with 3 minutes, 50 seconds remaining in their second-round NCAA women's tournament matchup at Edmundson Pavilion, Berenato made the call. It forced Gonzaga into three key turnovers — two by Vandersloot — down the stretch and a 65-60 loss before 2,270 fans.

"She was like the Energizer Bunny," Berenato said of Vandersloot, who led her team with 18 points, seven assists, and a career-high five steals, but four turnovers. "They were scoring too easily. Collectively, we came together and made the switch. It was a huge change in the game."

Pitt (25-7) earned its second consecutive trip to the Sweet 16. Gonzaga (27-7), making just its second appearance in the NCAA tournament, dwells on what could have been.

"Those plays — I haven't stopped running them in my head since the game finished," said Vandersloot, the former Kentwood High star, as she unsuccessfully fought back tears. "It [the zone] was one of those things I should have been prepared for, we should have been prepared for. The ball doesn't al-

ways bounce your way, but down the stretch, my team is counting on me to make those plays. It happens. I have to move past it, but it's killing me."

Pitt star Shavonte Zellous scored off both Vandersloot miscues. But with 44 seconds left, center Heather Bowman finally wiggled her way into the offense to sink a bucket under the hoop off a feed from forward Vivian Frieson to get Gonzaga to 61-60.

The Panthers immediately called a timeout and Gonzaga pulled a heist, designing a play that materialized in redshirt sophomore Janelle Bekkering stealing the ball from Shayla Scott. Only as Bekkering raced down court for what appeared to be a go-ahead layin with 20 seconds remaining, she slipped and was called for traveling.

Gonzaga was forced to foul to gain possession and Zellous made two free throws. Bekkering missed a three-point attempt that could have tied the score with five seconds left.

"It was a great basketball game and I'm really proud our team can play that kind of game," Gonzaga coach Kelly Graves said. "We wanted to get the trap and that steal and we got it. It worked and we just didn't capitalize. That last play is what we drew up and I thought Janelle was going to knock it down, especially after what happened the possession before. We wanted to go to her. There's nobody we trust as much as her for that shot."

Shooting is what gave Gonzaga its name in winning a fifth regular-season West Coast Conference title. But it was the Zags' defense that helped keep

them in the game against Pitt.

Zellous averaged 22.5 points in Big East play, but was 1 of 6 from the field in the opening half and had to fight to finish with a game-high 24 points on 6-of-21 shooting from the field. She was 10 of 12 from the free-throw line.

Pitt's post play also made a difference. Freshman Pepper Wilson and Chelsea Cole teamed for 12 points, 13 rebounds and nine blocks.

"She's a very good player," said Wilson said of Bowman, who was held to 15 points on 5-of-15 shooting. The junior also had seven rebounds and four turnovers. "Some of her moves I wish I could take and put into my game."

Pitt will play the winner of today's Oklahoma-Georgia Tech game in the Oklahoma City Regional on Sunday.

"We're going to learn a lot from this as a team," said Vandersloot. "We know what it's like to win when not a lot of the world was expecting us to and we also know what it's like to lose when we personally [weren't] expected to. It's going to help us a lot next year."

Panthers get to stretch their legs against Zags

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By Paul Zeise, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

SEATTLE -- Pitt's first-round opponent in the NCAA women's tournament, Montana, played a deliberate, methodical style that forced the Panthers (24-7) a little bit out of their comfort zone.

That certainly won't be the case in the second round, as the Panthers' next opponent, Gonzaga (27-6), will have no problem going up and down the court. In fact, the Zags probably will be the team forcing that kind of action.

The two teams will meet tonight at Bank of America Arena and the winner will advance to the Sweet 16 in the Oklahoma City regional. It would be the second consecutive trip to the Sweet 16 for the Panthers, while the Zags have never been that far.

Gonzaga, the 12th seed, hasn't ever been to the second round as its 74-59 upset win against No. 5 seed Xavier on Saturday was its first NCAA tournament victory.

Pitt coach Agnus Berenato, however, believes the Zags are much better than the typical No. 12 seed.

"I don't think it was a big upset," Berenato said. "Gonzaga is a great program and Gonzaga was on their home court, so I don't think it was a huge upset.

We were really prepared to play either team.

"They're here for a reason. Look at their record. They won their conference, they played some really great teams. I think at this point in the tournament everybody is a really good team, so I don't see how people can say that was such an upset."

To be fair, the Zags are not playing on their home court. Bank of American Arena is on the University of Washington campus. Gonzaga is in Spokane, which is about four hours from Seattle.

But Berenato's point that the Zags are a team capable of playing with just about anyone in the country is correct.

The Zags, who won the West Coast Conference regular season and tournament championships, have won five in a row and 16 of their past 18 games. They also have a win against a quality major conference team. They own a 69-62 win against Virginia (24-9), which is still alive in the NCAA tournament.

Gonzaga, like Pitt, is a team that runs the break.

"We're going to be ready to play any team and any style of game," said Pitt standout Shavonte Zellous, "Montana was a slow-it-down team, but it is going to be a different scenario with Gon-

zaga. They're similar to us, they like to push the ball up the court and get easy transition baskets."

Pitt senior Xenia Stewart added, "They have a lot of energy and they play our style of basketball, a lot of transition, a lot of inside-outside, so I think it is really going to be a great game when we play them."

Gonzaga coach Kelly Graves said that the Zags love to play transition basketball, but that isn't the only way they are capable of playing. That, he added, is why they have been so difficult to defend (they average 75 points per game).

"There is no doubt we are at our best when we can play in the transition game," Graves said. "But it seems like in the second half of the season we played a lot more in the half court as teams tried to slow us down and take away our fastbreaks, and we did fine playing that way as well."

Gonzaga is led by its point guard, Courtney Vandersloot, who averages 16.3 points and 7.5 assists per game. Vandersloot is quick and steady, and she is the key to the Zags' transition game. She beat Xavier's guards down the court to set up transition baskets countless times Saturday night.

Pitt women set for upset minded Gonzaga

By Karen Price
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SEATTLE — It isn't uncommon to hear the name Gonzaga mentioned in March.

It is, however, uncommon to hear about the Zags when talking about the NCAA Women's Tournament.

The No. 12 seed Zags (27-6) changed that Saturday night at Bank of America Arena on the Washington campus, where they upset No. 5 seed Xavier, 74-59, to set up a second-round meeting against No. 4 seed Pitt (24-7) at 9:35 tonight.

The win was Gonzaga's first in the NCAA Women's Tournament, following its first tournament appearance in 2007. Now, they have a chance to go to the Sweet 16.

"I've told (the players) a couple times this year, we have nothing to lose," Gonzaga coach Kelly Graves said. "And a good team — and I think we're a good team — with nothing to lose can be a dangerous combination. That's what we hope happens (tonight)."

Unlike Montana, which successfully slowed Pitt down during the first half of their first-round game Saturday night, Gonzaga likely will play at a different tempo.

"They like to push the ball in transition. They play tall. They're lean. They play athletic; have great outside shooters. Their post will definitely go ahead and invert and take the jump shot or shoot from the 17-foot range," Pitt coach Agnus Berenato said. "They play a lot of zone. They play sagging man-to-man. They press. They sound like us."

Xavier entered its first-round game against Gonzaga allowing just 53 points per game — sixth best in the country. Yet Gonzaga never trailed, as it nearly equaled the most points Xavier had allowed all season — 75 against Arizona State.

The Zags' focus against Xavier was stopping 6-foot-6 center Ta'Shia Phillips, who still got 26 points and 18 rebounds. It was Phillips' teammates that Gonzaga contained, and the Zags likely will employ a similar approach against guard Shavonte Zellous, who scored 31 points Saturday, and Pitt.

"Now, (Gonzaga is) going to face someone completely different in Shavonte," ESPN analyst Krista Blunk said. "You just don't stop Shavonte. She plays as big as the bigs, and I don't know that they've seen anyone with that kind of quickness or athleticism."

"They're not going to stop her, so the key for Gonzaga is going to be to make sure the defense is solid on players like Taneisha Harris or Chelsea Cole coming off the bench."

On the flip side, Blunk said, Zellous will have to get her touches, and the Panthers will need more from fellow senior Xenia Stewart, who had three points and six rebounds against Montana, and freshman center Pepper Wilson, who had two points and two rebounds.

There's something else the Panthers will have to contend with — the danger of playing an underdog with a lot of confidence and a home-crowd advantage.

Minus that advantage, Gonzaga's situation isn't much different from where the Panthers found themselves last year — in the NCAA Women's Tournament for just the second time, with a chance to make program history.

Gonzaga's coach knows it won't be easy.

"Pitt's great; they really are," Graves said. "That second half (against Montana) is as good as I've seen anybody defend in a long time. We know it's going to be a challenge, and we have to play really well."

"But we're capable; there's no question."

Panthers second effort potent

Defense shuts down Lady Griz after halftime

Sunday, March 22, 2009

By Paul Zeise, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

SEATTLE -- Pitt struggled in the first half against upstart Montana in an NCAA tournament first-round game as the Lady Griz were able to slow things down to a crawl and force the Panthers to play a half-court game.

The Panthers led by a point at the half. But the Panthers turned up the heat with their pressure defense in the second half and the Lady Griz simply melted as they couldn't handle Pitt's superior size, athleticism and quickness -- nor did they have an answer for Shavonte Zellous.

Pitt's defensive pressure sparked a 23-2 run to start the second half and it blew open what had been a close game. The Panthers, who scored 24 points off 14 Lady Griz turnovers, cruised to an impressive 64-35 victory in the Oklahoma City regional at Bank of America Arena.

The Panthers tied an NCAA tournament record by allowing only 10 points in the second half. The record was set in 2001 by Connecticut, which held Long Island to only 10 points in the second half of a first-round game.

Pitt also held the Lady Griz to only 29 percent shooting from the field (14 of 48) and 18 percent from the 3-point line (4 of 22).

"I thought our press was awesome," said Pitt sophomore Shayla Scott, who had 11 points and five rebounds. "And it is so much fun when you are out there getting a lot of stops. It creates offense, it creates energy and once we got it rolling that gave us that little extra oomph. I think we thrive off our defensive pressure and tonight it won us the game.

"The thing is, there was a point where you could tell [we broke their spirit] and you could see it on their faces."

Montana coach Robin Selvig looked a little shell-shocked after the game and offered, "I'm not really sure what happened in the second half. It didn't seem like they had a big spurt, but they didn't really need much of one because we were stuck on two points it seemed like forever."

Although the Panthers' defense was a major factor in the game, the other was Zellous.

Zellous scored 31 points, grabbed 9 rebounds had 4 steals and only 1 turnover.

She also had a record-setting night as she broke Jennifer Bruce's school record for most points in a season. Zellous needed only eight points to break the record (681) going into the game. She now has 705.

That also makes her the first Pitt player to score 700 points in a season. She is one of only four players in Big East history to score 600 or more points in three different seasons.

"Shavonte is an extraordinary player and a special student athlete," Pitt coach Agnus Berenato said. "She is an All-American, look at her stats in an NCAA game. And she did that even though they were all over her every time she touched the ball."

Zellous added, "When our offense was struggling in the first half, I felt as the leading scorer I needed to put the team on my back. Then I thought in the second half my teammates started scoring, too, and that's how we got it rolling."

It is the third consecutive season the Panthers (24-7), who are the No. 4 seed, advanced to the second round. They will play No. 12 seed Gonzaga (27-6), a 74-59 winner against No. 5 seed Xavier, at 9:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Panthers trap Lady Griz

Pitt guard Shavonte Zellous dominates in first round

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To be zealous is to be filled with eagerness and an ardent pursuit of something specific. University of Pittsburgh's Shavonte Zellous lived up to that definition Saturday night.

The 5-foot-11 guard could not be denied in her quest for a berth in the second round of the NCAA Women's basketball championships as she single handedly destroyed The University of Montana Lady Griz and fervently led her team to a 65–35 victory at Bank of America Arena in Seattle.

Zellous outscored Montana 16–10 in the second half and finished with 31 points, nine rebounds and four crucial steals as the No. 4–seeded Panthers avoided an upset after a sluggish first half.

"Shavonte is an extraordinary player. She's a special student-athlete," said Pitt head coach Agnus Berenato. "I think she's really elevated her game to All-American status. If you look at her tonight with 31 points, nine rebounds, several steals and only one turnover. That's pretty impressive in an NCAA game."

If ever there was a game that could be characterized as a tale of two halves, it was Saturday's. Montana came out of the gates not intimidated by Pitt's size or their half-court trap. Sonya Rogers hit two 3-pointers and Mandy Morales dished out four assists in the game's opening eight minutes as No. 13 Montana jumped out to a 12–6 lead.

Montana again led by six, this time with 3:54 to play in the first half after a Morales jumper. But Berenato called a timeout and challenged her team. Pitt never looked back.

"I said to the team, 'The last three, we have to go into the locker room with a lead. I don't know how that's going to happen, but we need to go in with a lead,'" Berenato said. "We had just scored four points, literally in the last

20 seconds, and then there was a timeout. We went into the locker room with a lead of one, 26–25."

Halftime adjustments quite possibly have never been more effective than the ones Berenato made. She dared her team at intermission to shut down Morales (six points, seven assists at intermission) and Rogers (eight points at half) and to turn up the intensity of their half-court trap. That translated into a 20–2 run to open up the second half. Zellous scored 11 during the run and the Panthers scored 24 points off of UM's 14 turnovers all told.

"I'm still not quite sure what happened in the second half, but I am sure they (Pitt) were responsible for it," said Montana head coach Robin Selvig. "We couldn't make a basket — makes it a hard game."

Montana made just four field goals in the second half, as it was held to the lowest point total in a half in the history of the NCAA tournament. Rogers was held scoreless in the second half of her final collegiate game and finished 2-of-13 from the field (2-of-11 from downtown) after leading the team in scoring in the first stanza.

As the second half wore on, the Lady Griz became visibly more and more frustrated and worn down by the bigger, stronger, more physical Panthers. Pitt sophomore guard Shayla Scott, who was the only other Panther to score in double figures with 11 points, said her team really fed off that aggravation and used it to create momentum of their own.

"Whenever you're running into a trap and you see the look on their face of, 'Uh what am I supposed to do now?' it makes you feel good, and I think that just helped us defensively," Scott said. "We just want to keep taking the ball from them and trapping them and scoring on offense."

With her explosion Saturday, Zellous, who is seventh nationally with a 22.5

point per game scoring average, became the first Pittsburgh player, male or female, to surpass the 700 point mark (705) in one season. She also surpassed Shayla Scott's mother, Jennifer Bruce Scott, as the all-time leading scorer in Pitt women's basketball history.

About the only thing Montana had an advantage in over the Panthers was fan support. But Berenato said the Grizzly faithful were much appreciated and actually helped her team in a way.

"We're really happy there were Montana people," Berenato said. "The worst thing to do is play in an empty gym. That doesn't do any good for our game, it doesn't do any good for TV. We don't really care whose fans are in the game as long as they're in the gym."

With the victory, Pitt advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament for the third time under Berenato and the third time in school history. Pitt beat No. 12 seed Gonzaga 65-60 in the second round on Tuesday to advance to the Sweet 16.

Montana, on the other hand, is finished. Montana tied a school record for wins in a season with 28. Morales and Rogers were both named first team All-Big Sky, and both will certainly be remembered among the greatest Grizzlies of all time. Selvig was named conference Coach of the Year for the 18th time in his illustrious 31-year career. Ending such a season with such a disheartening loss was a tough pill for Selvig and his team to swallow.

"They've had a heck of a run," Selvig said. "It's tough. They're a proud team with some proud seniors to have a half like that. And it's a heck of a team that did it. That's the consolation. We didn't really give them anything, they took it. Shavonte [Zellous] — she was huge. She shot it in for them on the offensive end. It takes a long time to get over something like that. We have good competitors who play hard and win lots of games and it's no fun to lose like that. That's just the way it is."

Pitt women win on second-half surge

By Karen Price
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SEATTLE — Saturday night wasn't the first time that the Pitt women's basketball team showed up as one squad in the first half and a completely different team in the second.

But this wasn't a conference game in January, this was the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. After the first half, the team with plans to get past the Sweet Sixteen seemed in danger of an upset at the hands of No. 13 seed Montana (28-5).

That danger — great or small — subsided almost immediately when the second half started, and Pitt's press plus Shavonte Zellous' shot gave the fourth-seeded Panthers (24-7) a 64-35 win over Montana.

With the win, they earned the right to move on to the second round Monday at 9:30 p.m. at Bank of America Arena against the winner of last night's late game between No. 5 Xavier (25-6) and No. 12 Gonzaga (26-6).

"It was obvious we had some jitters," Pitt coach Agnus Berenato said. "But we got in there at halftime, we talked a little bit about our defense, and I think we saw a remarkable difference."

Zellous scored 15 of Pitt's 26 points in the first half and was the player of the game with 31 points and nine rebounds. When Zellous came out of the game with 3:33 left, she had only two fewer points than Montana's entire team.

Shayla Scott scored another 11 for the Panthers. Mandy Morales led Montana with 11 points.

Zellous came into the game needing only eight points to break Jennifer Bruce Scott's record of 681 points in one season, a record that stood since 1984-85. Zellous got her eight points within the first nine minutes of the game as one of the only Panthers players scoring and became the only Pitt player - man or woman - to score more than 700 points in one season.

Pitt also tied an NCAA record for holding a team to the fewest points in a half in the Tournament Connecticut held Long Island to 10 points in the first half on March 17, 2001.

That wasn't where the game seemed headed in the first half.

What began as an innocent one-point lead by the Lady Griz early on turned into a 12-6 lead after eight minutes.

Montana, buoyed by a vocal crowd and miscommunication on Pitt's part, continued to maintain its lead on open-look

shooting. It wasn't until the final seconds of the half when Zellous and Scott scored and Xenia Stewart made one of two free throws that the Panthers went ahead, 26-25, to end the half.

It was their first lead since the first four minutes of the game.

But the Panthers came out in the second half with the press in full force and a 25-2 run. The Panthers outscored Montana, 24-0, off turnovers, 24-6 in the paint and 8-2 off second-chance points.

"I think our press was awesome," Scott said. "It's so much fun whenever you can get on a roll defensively, get a lot of stops on defense and that creates your offense. We had eight steals, and that really helped with our offense getting energized."

And while both coaches said there was nothing either team could do to surprise the other, Berenato said Pitt may have given Montana a new look.

"Honestly, I don't know that Montana has seen that type of press," she said. "They said they were really prepared for us because they played Maryland. But we beat Maryland by 30 with that press."

Hostile crowd would help energize Panthers

No. 4 Pitt vs. No. 13 Montana

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By Paul Zeise, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The Pitt women's basketball team could be facing a hostile crowd when it plays Big Sky champion Montana tomorrow in an NCAA tournament first round game in Seattle.

Washington Bank of America Arena, on the campus of the University of Washington, is about seven hours from Missoula, where the University of Montana is located. According to early reports, plenty of Montana fans are willing to make that trip. Organizers in Seattle are bracing for as many as 4,000 Lady Griz followers.

That means the Panthers (23-7), who are the fourth seed in the Oklahoma City Region, will face a hostile crowd.

Pitt coach Agnus Berenato doesn't necessarily believe that's a bad thing. She's hoping those 4,000 bring along 4,000 of their friends because the Panthers seem to play better in front of packed houses.

"Obviously it is really tough for our fans to get from here and go 2,500 miles across the country, and we understand that," Berenato said. "But believe me, fans bring energy, and our kids, they feed off of energy. I think it is great for women's basketball when we play in front of big crowds -- so it doesn't bother me that they are bringing that many.

"To me it is the experience. If there is a small crowd or it is an empty gym, it seems to be much harder to get our kids up to play the game. They just don't seem to have the same intensity. So fans bring us energy, even the ones who cheer against us."

Berenato said the situation won't be that much different from last year when the Panthers played their first-round game against Wyoming at The Pit in Albuquerque.

In that game, which the Panthers won, 63-58, Pitt had to deal with a large contingent of fans from Wyoming and an arena full of fans of the University of New Mexico, who were rooting against Pitt because the Lobos and Cowgirls compete in the Mountain West Conference.

"The thing is, once we won that first game, the Wyoming fans that hung around became fans of ours," Berenato said. "So maybe, if we are fortunate enough to win, we can create some new Pitt fans out on the West Coast as well. Like I said, our team loves playing in front of crowds and last year the crowd really kept us focused."

Pitt guard Shavonte Zellous agreed with her coach, saying that it really isn't much fun to play in an empty arena. She said the Panthers play a fun style of basketball and that they always seem to be able to convert fans when they play neutral-site games.

"Once the game starts, you really kind of block out who the fans are cheering for one way or the other," Zellous said. "We'd much rather be in front of a crowd than playing in an empty gym because we're an energy team, and fans create that atmosphere that brings the energy level up.

"If you think about it, the times we've been good this year is when our energy is up and the times we've lost some games, we haven't played with great energy, so we want a big crowd there."

Montana (28-4) is the No. 13 seed but many believe they should have been at least a No. 12 seed. Three of the Lady Griz's four losses were non-conference games against NCAA tournament teams Gonzaga (69-63), Maryland (71-58) and South Dakota State (64-59), and their only conference loss was at Big Sky runner-up Portland State (62-52).

They have won 11 consecutive games and they are led by an excellent point guard in Mandy Morales (17.1 ppg), who originally enrolled at Arizona State but transferred to Montana before her freshman season.

Have Fun, Will Travel

Pitt women ready to roll, trip to Seattle won't faze Panthers

By Paul Zeise, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

Pitt coach Agnus Berenato wasn't concerned about the fact that the Panthers likely would have to travel for their first NCAA tournament game -- in fact she expected it.

Good thing, too, because not only are the 15th-ranked Panthers going to have to travel to their first-round game, but they also are going to have to go to Seattle, the furthest of the 16 subregional sites from Pittsburgh.

The Panthers (23-7) received the No. 4 seed in the Oklahoma City Region and will play Big Sky champion and 13th-seeded Montana (28-4) at 8 p.m. Saturday at Bank of America Arena.

The Lady Griz enter the tournament having won 11 in a row, and they will test the Panthers' patience with a methodical style and shooting accuracy.

It is the third consecutive season -- and only the third time in school history -- that the Panthers have earned a bid in the NCAA tournament. The No. 4 seed is their highest.

Last season, they were a No. 6 seed and in 2007 a No. 8.

"I think we have a good draw, and that was my biggest concern going in," Berenato said.

"I expected us to travel, I expected us to get sent away, but the good thing about going so far is it is a neutral court, and that's important. I think it is exciting for this program to be a No. 4 seed.

"Think about how far we've come in four short years to go from not making any postseason, to being a four seed, which means we're thought of as one of the 16 best teams in the country.

"But it doesn't mean anything unless we do something with it. We want to grow our program and we want to do more than we have done in the past."

Pitt senior guard Shavonte Zellous said the fact that the Panthers have reached the NCAA tournament three consecutive years is amazing, considering where the program used to be.

But she also said this team has a different attitude than the ones in the past two seasons because it isn't just happy to make the tournament and that it has expectations of advancing further than it did last season (the Panthers lost in the Sweet 16).

"I don't think we really understood fully what it takes to compete in this tournament

that first year, and last year we didn't play well enough to beat a great team like Stanford," Zellous said.

"But we've learned from those experiences, I think we're more mature as a team and I think we understand that you can't take a day off or you go

home.

"And, for us seniors, it is important to help this program take one more step and grow a little more."

Montana is not a team that Pitt likely would play often.

Teams from the Big Sky (almost entirely in the West) don't usually play teams from the Big East for obvious reasons.

In many cases, the Lady Griz would be the kind of team that would be a mystery to Pitt. In reality, though, Berenato has some information on them because a Big Sky team -- Weber State -- played in Pitt's Thanksgiving tournament this season.

"Thankfully, and mostly for this reason, we try and branch out and play some different teams every year. And we also like to play some tournaments with different teams so we have at least some familiarity with the level of competition in that conference," Berenato said.

"Also, one of my assistants [Yolett McPhee-McCuin] coached in that conference last year at Portland State, so she knows a lot about Montana as well.

"So, luckily, we have some contacts and we know a few things about them.

"The thing that stands out is they will sit back in a zone and force us to shoot it from the outside and take away our slashing game, so that will be a big challenge."

If the Panthers win their first-round game, they will play the winner of the game between No. 5 seed Xavier (25-6) and No. 12 Gonzaga (26-6).

The No. 1 seed in the region -- and a potential Sweet 16 opponent for Pitt in Oklahoma City -- is Oklahoma (28-4).

The screenshot shows a web browser view of a sports article. At the top, it says 'post-gazette NOW SPORTS' with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette logo. Below that is a navigation bar with links for 'NOW | NEWS | LOCAL | SPORTS | LIVING | A & E | BUSINESS | OPINION | MEDIA CENTER'. A secondary navigation bar lists various sports: 'Steelers & NFL | Penguins & NHL | Pirates & MLB | March Madness | High School | Pitt & Big East | PSU & Big Ten | WVU'. The main article title is 'Have Fun, Will Travel' with a sub-headline: 'Pitt women ready to roll, trip to Seattle won't faze No. 15 Panthers, who set sights higher than before'. The byline reads 'Tuesday, March 17, 2009 By Paul Zeise, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette'. Below the text is a photo of several young women in blue and white athletic gear, some wearing 'PITT' shirts, celebrating and laughing. To the left of the photo are 'Article Tools' (print, email, etc.) and a 'Video' section with a thumbnail and caption: 'PG video: The Pitt women go wild when their pairing is announced for the NCAA tournament.' At the bottom left, there is an 'Images' section with a 'View all images' link.

Pitt women land fourth seed in NCAAs

By Karen Price, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

Since the Pitt women opened the 2008-09 season, one of their catch phrases has been "to be continued."

In other words, the progress of the past five seasons has been great, but they didn't want last year's first appearance in the Sweet Sixteen to be considered good enough, or the end of the story.

They wanted more.

The Panthers on Monday earned a No. 4 seed in the NCAA Tournament, the team's highest ever in its third consecutive and third overall appearance in the tournament. No. 15 overall Pitt (23-7) will face Big Sky Conference champion and No. 13 seed Montana (28-4) in the Oklahoma City Region at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Bank of America Arena in Seattle.

If Pitt wins, its next opponent will be the winner of No. 5 Xavier versus No. 12 Gonzaga on Monday.

"I think we got a great draw and I'm really excited that we're a No. 4 seed," coach Agnus Berenato said last night at

Petersen Events Center, where the team and fans gathered in the lobby to watch the selection show. "That's what we were hoping for. I just keep going back to a few years ago when we were sitting here and the media was here and we were so disappointed because we didn't even get in the Big Dance. And now we're three years in a row and we're a No. 4 seed. How awesome is that?"

Pitt's bracket includes No. 1 seed Oklahoma — for whom 6-foot-1 sophomore forward Carlee Roethlisberger plays — as well as No. 2 Auburn, No. 3 North Carolina and tough No. 5 Xavier and No. 7 Rutgers squads.

Berenato is familiar with her team's first-round opponent. First-year assistant Yolett McPhee-McCuin coached against them while an assistant at the University of Portland last year, and the Panthers faced another Big Sky opponent, Weber State, in the Pitt Thanksgiving Tournament this season.

"They're big, stocky women," Berenato said of Montana. "They don't press, they don't have a good transition game, they play a zone. They're a very methodical team; they almost lumber. They go hard to the paint, then they like an inside-outside game. They have a great 3-point shot."

Her players were slightly less familiar.

"No, I don't actually know anything (about Montana)," junior forward Shayla Scott said. "When we were watching we were like, 'Yay! No. 4! Montana? OK.'"

Shavonte Zellous said she hasn't heard a thing about Montana's women's team.

"But if they're in the tournament they have to be good, so we can't take any team lightly," she said.

Pitt was the No. 6 seed last year and beat Wyoming and Baylor before losing to Stanford in the Sweet Sixteen. In 2007, their first appearance in the tournament, they were a No. 8 seed and beat James Madison before losing to Tennessee in the second round.

"It's another first for the University of Pittsburgh women's team," Zellous said of the No. 4 seed. "The team's excited; we're ready to play. We knew we were either going to be a four or five seed just because of where we ended up in the Big East (Tournament), as a third seed but then losing in the semifinals. So we didn't really know what we were going to be, but whatever they gave us we were going to be happy with."

Pitt women find reason for optimism

By Karen Price, TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

A slight change in the sequence of events in the last two minutes of Monday night's game could have meant the Pitt women's first trip to the Big East Tournament championship game.

If Pepper Wilson made her free throw, if Louisville's Angel McCoughtry missed a jumper or a free throw, if the Panthers got a shot off in the final minute rather than turning the ball over, Pitt could have faced No. 1 Connecticut on Tuesday night instead of going home.

But somewhat lost in the disappointment of the hard-fought, 69-63 loss was the fact that this was Louisville, the newly ranked No. 5 team in the country and the same team that walloped Pitt just nine days earlier.

The fact that the No. 3-seed Panthers fought back from a deficit, made it competitive against the second-seeded Cardinals and almost won gives Berenato reason to believe that Pitt will make a deep run into the NCAA Tournament this year.

Tournament pairings will be announced Monday.

"I think the biggest thing is to get (the players) to believe what we believe, and we believe the second-half team is the team we can be," Berenato said. "I don't think they have that mentality. Women sometimes don't have the confidence or the swagger. But in the second half we had swagger. We played. We competed. It was unbelievable."

As important as the last two minutes of Monday's game were, Berenato believes that the game was lost in the first half, when Pitt trailed by 10 points, shot 25 per-

cent from the field and allowed Louisville 57.7 percent shooting.

It wasn't much different from their second-to-last game of the regular season against Louisville on Feb. 28. The Cardinals, ranked No. 8 at the time, beat Pitt, 75-51, at home in a game in which Pitt never led. They did manage to pull within three points in the second half, but that only sparked a 15-point Louisville run to bring on the blowout.

Combined with an even more disheartening 95-42 loss at No. 1 Connecticut on Feb. 15, it seemed that the No. 14 Panthers were still well removed from the upper echelon of nationally ranked teams.

The second half against Louisville on Monday night proved they may not be that far away, after all.

The Panthers jumped out to a 12-3 run and five minutes later had pulled within a point of Louisville. They quit relying so heavily on their jump shots, started moving the ball and penetrating to the inside and making the Cardinals foul them.

"We were attacking more," Pitt leading scorer Shavonte Zellous said. "When they threw the press at us we found gaps and we attacked, we didn't stay back on our heels and didn't settle for jump shots. The first half, that's what we did. We were shooting threes for no reason."

Louisville managed to stay ahead of Pitt for most of the second half despite the repeated attacks, at one point leading again by nine. The Panthers found the go-ahead basket problematic until the end, when freshman center Pepper Wilson's back-to-back layups put them up by one.

Then came the sequence of events that meant the end to Pitt's Big East run.

But what the Panthers learned during the course of those 40 minutes could make the difference when it really matters — the NCAA Tournament.

"It gives us a lot of confidence," Wilson said. "They're the No. 5 team, so for us to only lose by six points gives us a lot of confidence that we can compete with any team in the country. We can use that as motivation to work really hard for the NCAA Tournament."

Still within reach

The Pitt women are still hoping to set a record for most wins in a season and the best record in school history as they enter the NCAA Tournament. After Sunday's win over DePaul and Monday's loss to Louisville in the Big East Tournament, they are 23-7 overall. Here's a look at the five seasons with the most wins:

Year: Record

2007-08: 24-11

2006-07: 24-9

2005-06: 22-11

1980-81: 22-7

1992-93: 21-10

Pitt women edged by Louisville, 69-63 Cardinals' standout scores 31 to hold off Panthers in Big East tournament

By Paul Zeise, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

HARTFORD, Conn. -- The 14th-ranked Pitt women's basketball team bowed out of the Big East tournament last night with a 69-63 loss to No. 5 Louisville, but unlike the last time they played the Cardinals, this time the Panthers put up a fight.

The Panthers took a 63-62 lead with 2:04 to play on a layup by Pepper Wilson and got the ball back when Wilson made a steal on the ensuing possession.

Wilson was then fouled, but she missed the front end of a one-and-one and the Cardinals took possession of the ball and, not surprisingly, went to their superstar forward. Angel McCoughtry delivered a layup off an inbounds play to give the Cardinals a one-point lead with 1:12 to play.

McCoughtry also was fouled on her layup by Xenia Stewart and made the free throw to give the Cardinals a 65-63 lead.

On the next possession, the Panthers looked disorganized on offense and Stewart turned it over when Candyce Bingham stole the ball.

Louisville (29-3) again cleared out and let

McCoughtry go to work and she finished off the Panthers with a short jumper -- for a four-point Louisville lead -- with 23 seconds to play.

McCoughtry, who scored 31 points and grabbed 14 rebounds, said the Cardinals remained confident even when they fell behind because they had survived a double-overtime game the night before against Rutgers.

"Truthfully, I don't like these games. We'd rather blow everyone out and make it easy," McCoughtry said. "But it isn't going to be easy because these are championship-caliber teams we're playing and they are all fighting to try to win championships, too. We knew we'd get a good shot and thankfully it dropped in for us and I got the foul."

The Cardinals' victory sets up a rematch of last year's Big East tournament championship between them and No. 1 Connecticut (32-0). The Huskies won last year's game, 65-59, and will be trying to win the regular-season and tournament championship in the same season for the 12th time.

Pitt also got a big-time performance from its star -- Shavonte Zellous -- who scored 24 points and grabbed four rebounds. The Panthers also got a tremendous game

from freshman center Wilson, who had 16 points and two steals.

Zellous and Wilson were a big reason the Panthers were able to make their late run to get back into the game as they trailed by 10 points at the half.

"I've been saying all year that we needed to get Pepper ready for March," Pitt coach Agnus Berenato said. "When you are a freshman, especially at center, it is really tough in this league because there are some real beasts to contend with and we didn't want to set her up to fail. But we knew that we will need her now in March, and she had a monster game."

Pitt (23-7) will wait to find out its fate with regards to the NCAA tournament but it is projected to be a No. 4 or a No. 5 seed.

Pitt Women: Panthers hang on, advance to semifinals in Big East tournament

By Paul Zeise, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Monday, March 09, 2009

HARTFORD, Conn. -- Pitt had two byes and played the late game last night, so it was the final team to take the court at the Big East Conference Women's basketball tournament, which began Friday at the XL Center.

The team fought hard to get those byes, but when it finally played a quarterfinal matchup against DePaul, Pitt looked a lot like a team which had sat around waiting to play for couple of days because it got off to a slow start and struggled to find its groove.

Once the Panthers found it, they played just well enough for just long enough to grind their way to a 62-59 victory against Blue Demons and advanced to the semifinals for the second consecutive season.

"This was a really big win for us," Pitt coach Agnus Berenato said. "DePaul gave us our only home loss this season, so we really wanted to play them. We had a long wait to get to [that first] game and I could tell our kids were anxious to get out there all day long.

"I just think that were so excited to finally get out there, they didn't know what to do

and didn't know what hit them. But once we settled down, I thought we played a tremendous game against a very good team who is headed for the NCAA tournament."

Pitt's opponent tonight in the semifinals will be No. 2 seed Louisville. The Cardinals beat Rutgers, 87-82, in a double-overtime thriller earlier last night.

The Cardinals (28-3), who are No. 7 in both national polls, beat the Panthers, 75-51, Feb. 28 at Freedom Hall.

Last night the Panthers started the game in a bit of a funk and the Blue Demons took advantage as they jumped to a 10-0 lead before the game was three minutes old.

Pitt (23-6) stepped up on defense and that sparked a 16-5 run which culminated in a layup by Chelsea Cole. That gave the Panthers their first lead at 16-15. The two teams then traded baskets for the rest of the half and DePaul had a 28-27 advantage at halftime.

The Panthers, however, felt good at that point because they trailed by only one even though they hadn't played well, particularly on defense, and their leading scorer, Shavonte Zellous, had only two points and was 0-for-6 from the field.

"I think that we needed to find our rhythm early and we couldn't," said Zellous, who led Pitt with 18 points. "DePaul got to play a game [Saturday], they had some time on the court. It took us a while to figure out what they were doing offensively and defensively, but we settled in and I felt like if we just kept playing hard good things would happen."

Pitt quickly took a 29-28 lead at the start of the second half on a Sophronia Sallard layup, which appeared to get the Panthers started.

The Panthers used a 17-4 run over the first seven minutes of the second half to open up a 45-32 lead.

But DePaul fought back and pulled to within 60-59 on a free throw by Keisha Hampton with 44 seconds to play, and then got a stop and possession with a chance to win the game.

Deirdre Naughton's layup was partially blocked by Zellous and Cole grabbed the loose ball. Zellous was then fouled and hit two free throws to cap the scoring.

Waiting game: Pitt women won't know opponent until Saturday

*By Karen Price, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
Thursday, March 5, 2009*

Agnus Berenato is pretty certain that at some point Friday or Saturday night, she's going to wake up in a cold sweat from a nightmare about missing a game.

This idea of having one bye in the Big East Tournament — let alone two — is new territory for the Pitt women's basketball coach and her team.

Not that they're complaining, of course. They worked hard to finish with the program's best record in the Big East at 12-4, third place in the conference and a double-bye in the tournament.

It's just a little different.

"There are going to be games going on Friday and Saturday, and we're not even going to be (in Hartford) yet," Berenato said Wednesday while on a recruiting trip. "This is a whole new ballgame for me, for all of us. I'm going to feel like I'm missing a game. I'm going to be reading in the paper about teams losing and thinking, 'Oh my God, why aren't I there?'"

The Panthers won't play until 8 p.m. Sunday at the XL Center, and they won't know their opponent until Saturday night. All

they know is it will be No. 6 seed DePaul, No. 11 seed West Virginia or No. 14 seed Providence. West Virginia plays Providence on Friday night, and the winner faces DePaul on Saturday.

And while No. 1 Connecticut and No. 2 Louisville seem to be the only teams truly standing in the way of a Big East crown, Berenato isn't counting anyone out.

"Providence beat us," Berenato said. "Maybe they're going to win. Maybe West Virginia wins. I think DePaul is going to win, but I think West Virginia can beat DePaul. ... There could be an interesting matchup if Rutgers plays Louisville because I hear Rutgers is playing phenomenal right now. They came within 10 points of Connecticut. And Louisville upset Rutgers last year to get to the championship."

Pitt advanced to the semifinals last year, losing to Connecticut after beating Villanova and Notre Dame. The Panthers are 4-4 in the tournament since Berenato took over in 2003-04, when they went 2-14 in the conference in the regular season and didn't make it to the tournament.

They are 13-23 all-time in the tournament, and the No. 3 seed is the team's highest since 1993-94.

This year, for the first time, all 16 teams

are in the conference tournament.

Pitt, which finished the regular season tied for the program's highest national ranking at No. 14, lost to Connecticut, Louisville, DePaul and Providence during regular-season conference play.

"I think it's about us, not the other teams," Berenato said. "It's about going out and playing like the No. 3 seed, about taking our jumpers and nailing them, about boxing out and grabbing our rebounds and not letting the ball fumble off our fingers. ... I think you just have to worry about yourself."

The Panthers finished the regular season Monday night with a 79-60 win over St. John's. Coach Kim Barnes Arico had good things to say about Pitt's prospects in the tournament.

"From an offensive standpoint, they have the power to play with anyone in the country," Barnes Arico said. "They have a number of players than can score at any time, they rebound very well, they have a lot of weapons. They're really balanced. They're solid."

The Lunch Bucket Players of the Big East

Pitt freshman Kate Popovec sparks the Panthers

By Jim Clark

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As the season draws to a close, we've entered awards season with a fury. To no one's great surprise, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association bestowed the prestigious Naismith Award on UConn's Renee Montgomery today, together with a host of other awards and scholarships. All-Conference team selections and player-of-the-year honors in various categories are being rolled out almost daily.

But most of those awards are directed to players who have become household names to fans of college basketball. In this series, and without taking anything away from those whose achievements on the court have brought them well-earned honors, we'd like to take a moment to aim the spotlight at a different breed of player. They are low-maintenance. They rarely appear in game stories. They may not show often in the box score. They may not start many games. But few teams can survive without what Pitt Coach Agnus Beranato calls the "lunch-pail, hard-hat" players: Those who come to practice early, work tirelessly, give maximum effort during their time on the court, rarely make mistakes, and contribute in important ways, all without the glory.

Coaches know who they are. St. John's Coach Kim Barnes-Arico believes that "every team needs at least one player like that – the high-energy player, the one who is always doing the little things to make the team succeed," Barnes-Arico continued, "the one who will take a charge, dive for loose ball, never take a play off." To those players we award the Full Court Press Golden Lunch Bucket, and our sincere appreciation for a job well done.

Let's start with the Big East:

Heather Zurich, 6'1", Senior, Forward, Rutgers

Year after year, the other names were on the lips of ESPN announcers, as Rutgers pursued one of the toughest schedules in the country, reached the Elite Eight twice, and played an NCAA final: "Matee Ajavon, Essence Carson, Epiphany Prince, Kia Vaughn." Yet there on the floor, frequently as a starter, for each of those Rutgers games was Heather Zurich. Zurich, a guard moved into the forward spot by necessity early in her career, knew she was coming to a team where, unlike her time at Pascack Hills High in New Jersey, she would not be a star.

"I knew my role, and it has never bothered me," she said. "I came here because I wanted to challenge myself. As long as I'm a part of this team, the name on the back [of the jersey] doesn't matter – it's the name on the front."

"Consistent" is the word one hears about Zurich, from both teammates and her coach. "It's about confidence," Coach C. Vivian Stringer told the Bergen Record. Kia Vaughn, Rutgers' other senior, "is sometimes the best [player] in the world, and . . . sometimes the worst in the world," Stringer continued. "I'd rather have the consistent player, Heather."

Zurich says that her primary role has "always been to make the pass inside, to play hard defense, to box and rebound." But she has not lost her shooting touch, and she will shoot when left open. This season, she has been successful 45% of the time, and hit 13 of 38 threes (.342).

Zurich's senior leadership style is personal, and centers on the talented, but slow-developing, freshmen. "I try to help them any way possible," she explained, "whether helping them to learn plays, or giving them rides, or encouraging them when Coach gets hard on them. . . . We've all been through freshman year, and Coach can be hard on you," Zurich continued, "so I try to do a lot of talking and hand-holding, to give them a balance, to let them know that it isn't bad when she's yelling – it's when she stops talking to you that you should worry."

Kate Popovec, 6'3", Freshman, Center, Pittsburgh

Just a freshman, she has gained a reputation for coming to the gym "with her lunch pail and hard hat," says her coach.

Agnus Beranato really talks like this. "Kate is such a hard worker. Every day she comes to the gym with her lunch pail and her hard hat, wanting to get better today, and to make everyone else better, too."

In practice, Popovec "challenges our [starting] posts every play," Beranato explained. "They get better seeing her battling in practice."

Popovec has never started a game, but prior to a mid-season injury, she was the team's leading rebounder. She both understands and embraces her role off the bench.

"I love to come off the bench and spark my team with energy and by doing the dirty work – boxing out, setting a good screen, cutting

to the hoop to free up a teammate – anything I can do to provide energy and hustle."

Although she has five double-figure scoring games, her average is five points and 14 minutes. These offensive numbers don't phase her a bit.

"Scoring is important," she concedes, "but it won't win you a championship. I do what Coach needs me to do, which is rebound, provide energy, and help my teammates."

Beranato loves that attitude: "That's what you want from your bench players."

Angel Morgan, 5'8", Senior, Guard, Cincinnati

It takes more than size or a big name to intimidate Cincinnati's Angel Morgan (25), shown grabbing the ball in front of Rutgers' Kia Vaughn (15) during the second half of a game this February. Rutgers won that one, 71-52, but Morgan has made a reputation as a relentless rebounder, despite her diminutive stature.

Angel Morgan is actually Cincinnati's leading rebounder, so she's been in the box score. She averages 7.6 boards per game, and with a career high of 14. Only twice in her career has she been the Bearcat's leading scorer. She has quietly accumulated 25 steals on the season, along with 85 assists. Her final college home game was typical of her performance for Cincinnati: one point, eight boards, five assists.

Morgan gets included here because rebounding is all about heart and instinct, especially when you are generously listed at 5'8". She became the Big East's fourth-best rebounder on desire and technique, along with some leaping ability among the trees.

"I don't really know how I do it [rebound as a short player]," Morgan declared. "It's just a natural feeling about where to find the ball. I call it a God-given talent."

She does know, however, what made her into a team leader. As a senior, "I realized if I didn't do it, it wasn't going to happen," she says.

Coach J. Kelley Hall notes that Morgan has become a "really good communicator, taking a great attitude into the locker room, teaching the youngsters, even when she's on the bench. When she gets on the floor, she's a really good passer," Hall noted. "She often makes the pass that leads to an assist." As for her rebounding,

Hall attributes her success to “very good positioning, and an amazing straight-up jump. She’s not overly athletic,” the coach observed, “but she has great moves—that jump, and the best shot fake I’ve seen.”

Joy McCorvey, 6’0”, Junior, Forward, St.John’s

McCorvey ranks in exactly zero statistical categories in the Big East. Her value to St.John’s, however, is everywhere. It is in hustle, in active, vocal leadership, in guidance for her teammates. These intangible skills were evident even in her first year, and Coach Kim Barnes-Arico rewarded her hustle and desire by making her a tri-captain in her sophomore year.

“My role is being a motivator for the team, diving on the floor, hustling all the time, doing all the little things, and bringing energy all the time,” McCorvey said recently. “When I’m like that, it’s like a chain . . . If I’m doing those things, it really brings my team up, but if I don’t keep that energy, I can see the difference in how we play.”

McCorvey averages under seven points in 24 minutes a game, but connects on 60% of her shot attempts. Her coach sees this as another example of McCorvey’s basketball IQ, saying, “She just doesn’t take bad shots.”

The junior also shows a remarkable understanding of leadership, explaining that “it’s all about knowing the personnel: Some people can be motivated by yelling, others you just need that soft tone. It’s all about keeping them confident even when they are making mistakes.”

This year, as the sole captain, she has done everything her coach could ask. “There’s not a lot of players who understand what is truly important, but Joy does,” Barnes-Arico said. “She doesn’t care if anybody notices her contributions. She only cares if the team wins.”

Meghan Gardler, 6’0”, Junior, Forward, Connecticut

Her better known teammates get most of the glory, but Coach Auriemma says Gardler’s minutes on the floor are rarely wasted.

It’s all about energy for Gardler, who many dismissed as coming to UConn only as a favor to her Dad, Geno’ Auriemma’s high school coach. But that perception has been proven wrong in her junior year, where the Huskies’ lack of depth in the post has given Gardler playing time in pressure situations. She has held her own as an undersized post player, usually guarding taller and more heralded players.

Gardler plays just under 12 minutes a game, but makes the most of them: Diving to the floor; grabbing, on effort and instinct, offensive boards; and muscling much larger players out of their comfort zone.

Auriemma has long understood Gardler’s value. After she steadied the team against Rutgers in January, Coach G had this to say: “I guess when you’re not tall enough, when you’re not quick enough, not fast enough and athletic enough, you have to do all the little things that make you a good player, and Meghan did that. . . . The way Meghan plays the game is the way it used to be played in the old days,” he continued. “When you have four scorers out there and you put her out there, she’s a great complement at times to what everybody else is doing.”

Gardler frequently guards centers, and under those circumstances, averages a foul every nine minutes. But players she guards rarely get easy buckets. She understands the UConn approach to the game, and has occasionally been subbed in to calm down an offense running ahead of itself. Scoring is not expected (her season high is seven), but Gardler’s minutes are rarely wasted, and if she is on the floor, the team needs her special skills right then, even if only for a short while.

Erin Monfre, 5’11”, Senior, Guard, Marquette

She started 17 games as a sophomore, but only nine as a senior. This season’s 4.2 points and 18 minutes a game are both career highs. She has never shot often, or particularly accurately, and when she does let one fly, she does so mostly from beyond the arc.

But Monfre has been one of those “glue” players throughout her four seasons at Marquette. She protects the ball, and passes it well (2.2:1 assist:turnover ratio, best on the team). She comes off the bench to guard the best wings in the game.

On a team that needs points, however, her limited scoring often has kept her on the bench, just as her defensive skills have put her on the court. When there, she makes the most of her time, trying to provide energy and to disrupt the opponent’s offensive flow. Unlike many of the players in this group, her intangibles are not in raw energy output, but in “showing my enthusiasm, and the passion I have for the game,” Monfre explained.

“I’m more of a ‘quiet leader,’” she continued, “giving encouragement to the young players, helping them to stay ‘up’ even after a bad play or a missed layup.” She tries to shepherd the two freshman posts, and even Marquette’s best player, sophomore Angel Robinson. “They are so young,” she said,

“I’m not sure it’s hit how good they are, starting in the Big East. I’m constantly talking to them . . . trying to be sure they are not taking any games for granted. . . . And I try to show them how – by playing hard all the time, and filling my role as a defensive stopper.”

Coach Terri Mitchell praises Monfre’s high basketball intelligence: “She can complete the sentence of the coach,” Mitchell declared. “She has a coach’s mind, and the intangible of putting the game plan in [her teammates’] terms, where they can understand it as well as she does.”

“I can always trust her to make the right decision,” Mitchell adds. “Is it time to slow down? Or time to feed the post? She sees that right away. Her knack and feel for the game are tremendous.”

Like her fellow lunch-bucket honorees, Monfre is also low-maintenance and high-assistance to her coach. Mitchell praises the guard’s work ethic. She has, for example, regularly put in extra gym time after practice shooting with Marquette’s young players, hoping to pass on a legacy of hard work to the “next generation.”

Monfre has saved some of her best games for her final season. She hit seven threes, for a career-high 21 points, in a much-needed win over West Virginia in February, and has started every game since, averaging 30 minutes, the most of her career. That playing time came, “because she is finally looking for her shot,” according to her coach.

“She has always played great defense – we put her on the other team’s best guard – and lately, that defense has been at a whole other level, just unbelievable.” Now, however, “she seems to have that senior thing going,” Mitchell continued, “like it’s all coming to an end, and her intensity has stepped up even more.” Her willingness, perhaps for the first time, to take every good open shot, has made her an indispensable part of the post-season surge Marquette hopes to make.

Panthers enjoy a final senior moment

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

by Jim Rodenbush, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Shavonte Zellous and Xenia Stewart walked off the court to a standing ovation with 1:59 left last night, another victory for the Pitt women's basketball team secured.

Their final game at the Petersen Events Center had a familiar feel to it.

Zellous had 18 points to lead four Panthers in double figures, and No. 14 Pitt closed out the regular season with a 79-60 victory against St. John's.

Pepper Wilson added 12 points and 11 rebounds, Stewart had 12 points, and Sophronia Sallard scored 10 for Pitt (22-6, 12-4 Big East), which finished with a 14-1 home record.

Sky Lindsay had 16 points for St. John's (16-13, 4-12).

The Panthers, who clinched third place in the conference with their victory against West Virginia last Tuesday, finished the program's most-successful season in Big East play with last night's win.

"To go 12-4 in what I believe is the toughest conference in the country is just amazing," Pitt coach Agnus Berenato said. "To think, our first year here,

we weren't even invited to the Big East tournament."

Zellous and Stewart were recognized before the start of last night's game. The victory improved their four-year record at Pitt to 92-37 (a .713 winning percentage), extending their record for most wins by a senior class.

"It goes without saying what they've brought to the program," Berenato said. "Look at their record. We're going to four straight postseasons with them. We've had four 20-win seasons. The numbers speak for themselves. They've really helped to build the program."

Zellous played in her 128th career game last night, a team record. Stewart is at 126.

"To be a part of this history at the University of Pittsburgh feels very good," Zellous said. "I know Xenia feels the same way."

Added Stewart: "To look back at the things we've accomplished, it's been a blessing. We've been glad to be a part of it. But our story isn't over."

Pitt, which never trailed in the game, took a 9-3 lead after Shayla Scott's 3-pointer and Zellous' basket. But the Panthers had difficulty shaking off St. John's, which was playing without

leading scorer Monique McLean for the sixth consecutive game.

Consecutive baskets from Sky Lindsay cut Pitt's lead to 18-15 with 8:17 left in the first half. The Panthers responded with a 10-0 run, which included baskets from five players, and led at half-time, 43-30.

Another 3-pointer from Scott extended Pitt's lead to 50-32. A basket from Zellous and a three-point play by Wilson made it 60-40 with 13:11 left.

Pitt built its lead to as much as 28 points in the second half.

"Pitt played great tonight," St. John's coach Kim Barnes Arico said. "They're a balanced team, the kind that could make a good run in the NCAA tournament. They have the offensive power to play with anyone in the country at this point."

Up next for the Panthers is the Big East tournament, which starts Friday at the XL Center in Hartford, Conn.

The Panthers are the No. 3 seed and will have a two-round bye, thanks to a new tournament format which includes all 16 teams. Pitt will play at 8 p.m. Sunday in the last game of the quarterfinals.

Pitt women set school mark in victory

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

by Karen Price, Pittsburgh Tribune Review

Pitt seniors Shavonte Zellous and Xenia Stewart came into their final post-game news conference at Petersen Events Center seemingly determined to have fun and not think too much about the finality of it all.

With coach Agnus Berenato still out in the hallway, Zellous and Stewart took their seats and decided to deliver their own opening remarks, the function usually performed by Berenato.

"Oh, I'm so excited to hear these opening remarks," Berenato said, entering the room and seeing her two seniors already at the microphones.

"Naw, we were just trying to help you," Zellous said.

Monday night's 79-60 win over St. John's to close out the regular season was just another page in the four-year history of Zellous and Stewart helping Berenato and the program go from Big East afterthoughts to contenders.

No. 14 Pitt (22-6, 12-4) closed out its regular season by tying the team record for most wins in a season, set in 2006-07, and finishing third in the Big East behind No. 1 Connecticut and No. 7 Louisville.

The Big East finish is the best in program history. The Panthers have first- and second-round byes in the conference tournament and will play on Sunday night in Hartford.

It is also the Panthers' fourth consecutive season with 20 or more wins (seventh in school history) after going 6-20 and 13-15 in Berenato's first two seasons as coach.

"To look back and think of all the stuff we've accomplished, it's a blessing and we're just happy to be a part of it," Stewart said. "And the story hasn't ended yet. You're going to see us in the Final Four."

Zellous ends her regular-season career as one of the most prolific scorers ever to wear a Panthers uniform. She is the only player in Pitt men's or women's history and just the fourth player in Big East women's history to score 600-plus points in three separate seasons.

Her team-leading 18 points last night put her at 632 on the season, 50 shy of breaking Jennifer Bruce's 24-year-old record of 681 points.

Stewart was also a major part of Pitt's development into a Big East contender, tying Debbie Lewis for second in career games played with her 126th appearance last night. It was also her 124th career start, a school record according to available statistics.

Both received standing ovations from the crowd of 3,386 at Petersen Events Center when they came out of the game together with under two minutes to play.

"Just look at our record," Berenato said. "These two ladies came, and we've been four straight seasons in the post-season. Before, it hadn't happened. They went to the WNIT their first year,

and we said 'You know what? We're going to the NCAA and we'll never look back.'"

The regular-season closer was almost a formality for the Panthers, playing a St. John's team that started the season 13-1 but had lost 11 of its past 14 games going into last night. The Red Storm never led, pulling within one point early but quickly falling to a double-digit deficit.

The Panthers led, 43-30, after one and St. John's got no closer than 14 points in the second half.

Stewart finished 12 points, five rebounds and four assists last night, and freshman Pepper Wilson had a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Sophronia Sallard also finished in double-digits in scoring with 10 points.

"Our Senior Night was truly a blessing," Zellous said. "We played for the University of Pittsburgh for four long years but it was worth it. I just wanted to say thank you to my teammates, they're just like my sisters. I'm going to miss the University of Pittsburgh."

Fond farewells as Zellous, Stewart play home finale

Monday, March 2, 2009

by Paul Zeise, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Agnus Berenato has coached women's basketball for 25 seasons. That means she is a veteran at handling the emotions of Senior Day, which usually is the final home game of a season.

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(one WNIT, two NCAA tournaments and likely a third NCAA this season).

They were a part of the school's first NCAA tournament victory, first Sweet 16 appearance and, this year, regardless of what happens tonight, best Big East record.

More importantly, they have been four-year starters. Zellous will appear in her school record 128th game tonight (113 starts), and Stewart has started a school-record 124 games and appeared in 126.

Both are 1,000-point scorers (Zellous, 2,118; Stewart 1,272). Zellous, a fifth-year senior, already has earned her bachelor's degree in administration of justice, and Stewart will earn her bachelor's degree in media communications in May.

"What is not to love about these two?" Berenato asked. "Like I said before, they've done the right things, they've worked extremely hard and they have been great leaders for our team almost since the day they arrived. I remember the first year, some of the older players were talking about spring break, and [Xenia] and [Zellous] were like, 'No more spring breaks around here, we're going to the postseason.'

"And that first year we went to the WNIT, and that was important because it was

the first step -- and look at how it has grown since then."

Both players admit that they will have lots of emotions tonight, but they still have a lot of basketball to play for Pitt after tonight.

"I think we can be proud of a lot of things, but the most important thing is the wins," Stewart said. "When we signed up to play, that's why we came here, we knew we could turn it around -- we knew it and we knew this was special. I'll be a little bit emotional, but, at the same time, this has been a great ride for us -- and we're not done.

Zellous added, "we only took the first step last year getting to the Sweet16 -- we have a lot of goals and a lot of things left to accomplish. Yeah, it will be tough running out of the locker room at the Petersen Center for the last time, but it won't hit me for real until we play our last game -- and we plan on playing for a few more weeks."



PITT WOMEN
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Xenia Stewart, left, and Shavonte Zellous.

Who are the nation's top 15 players

Thursday, February 26, 2009

by Graham Hays, ESPN.com

The request was relatively simple. Pick the "top 15 players of the 2008-09 season" for one of the national player of the year awards (mind you, this wasn't even the actual voting, just ballot nominations; for all I know, they'll receive all the scrutiny of a hotel comment card).

But 15 turned out to be a brutally tough number to settle on. Here's what I finally arrived at after toiling nearly three hours on a 10-minute task.

The locks

Maybe someone will want to play the contrarian and make a case against one of these eight, but good luck. In alphabetical order:

Jayne Appel, Stanford
DeWanna Bonner, Auburn
Angel McCoughtry, Louisville
Maya Moore, Connecticut
Renee Montgomery, Connecticut
Kristi Toliver, Maryland
Ashley Walker, California
Shavonte Zellous, Pittsburgh

Now on to the tougher choices.

The name recognition factor

Marissa Coleman, Maryland: A month ago, Coleman might have needed to count on her name recognition to contend for a spot among the top 15, but she has been putting on a finishing kick worthy of an Olympic sprinter. Maybe the ACC isn't quite as top heavy as it was a few seasons ago, but with Florida State, Virginia and Georgia Tech all rising, it's plenty impressive to see Coleman averaging 19.3 points, 6.4 rebounds and 3.8 assists in conference play.

Courtney Paris, Oklahoma: It boils down to whether you're comparing Paris against the rest of the country this season or against Courtney Paris from the last three seasons. Remove the name from the mix, and including a player averaging 15.9 points and 13.8 rebounds for a Big 12 team ranked in the top five for much of the season is a no-brainer.

The point guards

Kristi Cirone, Illinois State: What do Samaki Walker, Erick Dampier and Todd Fuller have in common? All were taken

ahead of Santa Clara's Steve Nash in the 1996 NBA draft. That's just a friendly reminder to WNBA front offices ready to overlook Cirone. Some quick notes: Here's the complete list of guards who shoot better than Cirone's 50.5 percent from the field and also lead their team in scoring: Portland State's Kelsey Kahle.

Done.

As of Feb. 22, Cirone was tied for the nation's lead in assist-to-turnover ratio. But more than that, she has either scored or assisted on 326 of her team's 725 field goals. That's 5.2 field goals she has been directly involved in for each turnover she commits.

Of the 11 players who shoot better than Cirone's 43.2 percent from the 3-point line, none also ranks among the top 12 in assists per game (Cirone is No. 12 in both categories). In fact, only one player in that original 11 even ranks in the top 50 in assists per game: Toliver.

Shalee Lehning, Kansas State: I don't care what system a team runs, how many minutes a player spends on the court or if she has a Taser tucked in the waistband of her shorts; there is no way a 5-foot-9 point guard playing in the Big 12 should average 7.5 rebounds per game. That Lehning does just that and still averages more assists per game (8.0) than rebounds is enough for me.

Surprisingly, South Dakota State's Jennifer Warkenthien wasn't among the Naismith's 30 midseason candidates. But the senior forward is one of the nation's top players.

The scorers

Alysha Clark, Middle Tennessee: Clearly, Middle Tennessee has a system that works well for scorers, but this isn't Orlando Woolridge leading the NBA in scoring for Paul Westhead's Nuggets. Clark has put up some legit numbers against quality competition. And if you're inclined to at least partially discount her numbers in big-margin losses against the likes of Oklahoma and Tennessee, it's more difficult to ignore 37 points in a win at LSU. Rebuilding mode or not, Baton Rouge isn't an easy place to play.

Andrea Riley, Oklahoma State: Riley probably caused the most angst and the most

minutes spent staring off into space. On one hand, she's hitting fewer than 40 percent of her shots from the field and fewer than 30 percent of her shots from the 3-point line. Her team also appears headed for the WNIT instead of back to the NCAA tournament. Not good.

On the other hand, she's scoring 24 points a game, and of the four other players with at least 100 field goal attempts for the Cowgirls, two are hitting fewer than 40 percent of their shots. It's not like Riley is shooting at the expense of better options. She's also dramatically improved her assist-to-turnover ratio, going from a negative number last season to one of the best in the Big 12 this season. That makes up for a lot of misses.

The wild card

Jennifer Warkenthien, South Dakota State: I was, if not stunned, then significantly surprised when Warkenthien didn't show up on the midseason top 30 list for the Naismith Trophy that made the rounds Wednesday. She's the best player on one of the best stories of the season, a Jackrabbits team that knocked off potential NCAA tournament teams Utah, Minnesota, Gonzaga and Montana early in the season and gave Maryland a tough fight in Cancun. She's also only playing 26.2 minutes per game for a team beating opponents by an average of more than 18 points a game. Project her numbers over 40 minutes and you get averages of: 23.3 points, 13.2 rebounds and 3.4 assists, with 39 percent shooting behind the arc.

Just for comparison, Maya Moore's averages per 40 minutes are: 25.5 points, 12.4 rebounds and 4.7 assists.

Lest anyone seek to have me committed, Warkenthien isn't Moore. But I'd suggest she's one of the top 30 players. In fact, as this suggests, I'd say she's one of the top 15.

The toughest omissions

Whitney Boddie, Auburn
Tina Charles, Connecticut
Danielle Gant, Texas A&M
Laura Kurz, Villanova
Jantel Lavender, Ohio State
Epiphany Prince, Rutgers
Helena Sverrisdottir, TCU
Morgan Warbuton, Utah
Danielle Wilson, Baylor
Monica Wright, Virginia

Second-half run lifts Pitt women to win

Sunday, February 22, 2009

by Karen Price, Pittsburgh Tribune Review

The big picture at Petersen Events Center on Saturday was the fight against breast cancer, as the Pitt women held their annual Pink the Pete event and drew 6,443 fans.

But as important as the cause is to the No. 19 Pitt women — both coach Agnus Berenato and forward Sophronia Sallard lost their mothers to breast cancer — the task at hand was beating Cincinnati for their 20th win of the season and 10th in the Big East.

During the first half, it looked as if the Bearcats just might pull off the upset.

The second half was a different story after Pitt's offense woke up, and the Panthers (20-5, 10-3) pulled away for a 68-53 win.

"We started off really slow, and that's a credit to Cincinnati," Berenato said. "Their matchup zone took us out just a little bit of what we wanted to do. We just came out a little bit back on our heels but the second half we really picked it up."

Seniors Xenia Stewart and Shavonte Zellous led the team in scoring with 16 points apiece, with Zellous grabbing six rebounds and five assists, and sophomore Shayla Scott had 10 points and five assists.

But the Panthers bench, led by sopho-

more forward Chelsea Cole, sparked a 14-0 second-half run that broke the game open.

To that point the Bearcats had held in against Pitt, trading baskets and remaining within a point or two throughout the first half despite losing eight games in a row coming into the Pete.

The Panthers' offense just wasn't there, evidenced by Zellous failing to sink anything but two free throws until less than four minutes remained in the half. Pitt shot 9-for-34 in the first half and led, 26-24, going into the second.

Then with 13:48 left to play and Pitt ahead, 43-40, Sallard hit a jumper, and Cole stole the ball on Cincinnati's next possession. For the next three minutes Cole continued her strong defensive play — Stewart, Zellous, Shayla Scott and Taneisha Harrison would hit their shots while Cole would either block Cincinnati, force a turnover or grab a key rebound.

"In the second half, Chelsea Cole was amazing," Berenato said. "I really thought she was the player of the game."

By the time the stretch was over Pitt led by 15 points, and the Bearcats, who get little help off the bench with only eight players, were done.

Pitt shot 48.4 percent from the field in the second half.

"Obviously it was a game of two halves," second-year Cincinnati coach

J. Kelley Hall said. "I thought the first half we controlled the tempo and did what we needed to do. But the second half they piled it up. There was a 14-0 run in there, and I think they made the decision that they were no longer going to shoot it off the perimeter because we had them, we wanted them to shoot off the perimeter. They decided to throw the ball inside or attack the rim and make us foul them and you have to give them credit."

Pitt outrebounded Cincinnati, 43-26, overall and 20-3 offensively, and Hall called the Panthers one of the best, if not the best, rebounding team Cincinnati has faced all year.

"We came in at halftime, and we weren't attacking the basket," Zellous said. "There were loose balls out there. The second (half) we made the conscious decision to attack the offensive boards."

The Pink the Pete event is designed to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research. Members of the women's team and coaching staff recorded public service messages shown on the scoreboard during breaks, and \$1 for every ticket sold will be donated to the Susan G. Koman For the Cure foundation.

Pitt travels to West Virginia and No. 8 Louisville before wrapping up the regular season at home against St. John's on March 2.

Cincinnati viewed as must-win game for Pitt women

Saturday, February 21, 2009

by Paul Zeise, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

If Pitt women's basketball coach Agnus Berenato needed some motivational props to get her team ready for this afternoon's game, she could have asked football coach Dave Wannstedt if she could borrow one of his favorites.

Mouse traps.

Wannstedt often hangs mouse traps around the football complex the week leading up to a game he fears might be a "trap" game -- a game against an opponent without a good record or on a losing streak that is easily overlooked because it is scheduled between a couple of big games. The mouse traps are to keep his players from falling into the trap of thinking that all they need to do is show up and they'll win.

That's a fairly good description of the challenge facing Berenato's 19th-ranked Panthers when they play host to struggling Cincinnati today at the Petersen Events Center.

The Bearcats (13-12, 3-9 Big East) are on an eight-game losing streak and have lost five in a row to the Panthers (19-5, 9-3).

The game also comes on the heels of

the Panthers' big win against Villanova and right before they have two emotional road games against hated rival West Virginia and then at No. 8 Louisville.

Thus, Cincinnati has all the makings of a much tougher game, particularly if the Panthers get caught looking ahead to the Mountaineers.

Berenato, however, said that's not her team's style and has no doubt it will be ready to play.

"Cincinnati is a huge game, just huge," Berenato said. "We have to get this win. If you look at the Big East standings, every team seems to be clumped together within a game or two, and so everybody is really desperate to get every win they can get. We know Cincinnati will come in here ready to play and we need to be ready to play as well."

A win today would get the Panthers to the NCAA tournament magic number of 20 wins. It would be the fourth 20-win season in a row for the Panthers and the third consecutive year with 10 Big East wins.

It also would keep them on track to finish second or third in the Big East, which would mean a first-round bye in the conference tournament and no possible matchup with No. 1 Connecticut until the Big East championship game.

That's why the Panthers players aren't worried about a letdown. They believe they have far too much to play for with only four regular-season games remaining.

"This is a very important game," senior guard Xenia Stewart said. "At this point, every game is important, and we need to take them one at a time. Cincinnati is a big game, but not just because of seeding in the Big East tournament, but because of where we want to be in the NCAA tournament and what we want to do.

"We have big plans, we know where we want to be and what we need to do, and we are really focused as a team right now."

Senior Shavonte Zellous added: "They are a transition team and they crash the boards well. We have to come out aggressive, we have to attack their zone and box out. This will be a tough game and we have to do the little things well."

Pitt women raising breast cancer awareness

Saturday, February 21, 2009

by Karen Price, Pittsburgh Tribune Review

Members of the Pitt's women's basketball team know firsthand how the numbers behind breast cancer statistics translates to real life.

The incidence in breast cancer in women in the United States is one in eight, according to breastcancer.org, and on Pitt's team alone, coach Agnus Berenato and junior forward Sophronia Sallard lost their mothers to cancer.

Today, No. 19 Pitt (19-5, 9-3 Big East) will play host to its annual Pink the Petersen event, facing Cincinnati (13-12, 3-9) at 2 p.m. The players will be wearing pink uniforms, there will be public service announcements regarding breast cancer awareness and \$1 from every ticket sold will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer research.

"Absolutely, I would I like to spread awareness, especially how it happened so suddenly with my mother, because you just never know," Sallard said. "Just to help put the word out there and be involved, I'm on it 100 percent."

Sallard's mother passed away Oct. 8, 2007, at the age of 50. Her breast cancer had metastasized and spread throughout her body, and by the time she was diagnosed, she was given

only days to live.

Sallard, a Syracuse, N.Y., native, made it through that first difficult year with the help of her teammates and coaches at Pitt, and late last month, they were there for her again once again.

The team played at Syracuse on Jan. 24, the same day that legendary N.C. State coach Kay Yow died at age 66 after a long battle with breast cancer. Sallard made a special request.

"She asked if I thought there was any way after the game we could go by the cemetery and she could visit her mom's grave, and I said, 'Absolutely, positively,'" Berenato said.

Sallard hadn't been to her mother's grave since the burial because she didn't feel ready. Even last month, she still wasn't sure that she was prepared.

"I kind of forced myself because I didn't want her to think I was ignoring her. So, I was like, 'I gotta go; I gotta go.' And coach said, 'Well, how about we all go?' and right then and there, I felt like I was going to explode," Sallard said. "My brothers and sisters came, too, so there were a ton of people. and the support was just amazing. ... It was really, really, like you couldn't imagine anything else like that."

Sallard's mother left behind seven children, and Sallard is the third-old-

est overall and oldest girl. Her oldest brother is 30 and has custody of the three minor children ages 15, 14 and 12, but Sallard said it's forced her to grow up and be as much of a parent as she can be while going to school and playing at Pitt.

"It's a tough, tough job between being away at school, playing basketball, being on the road and not being able to talk to them all the time," Sallard said. "But I've been holding up pretty well and trying to do things as much as I can to send money. I had them here for Thanksgiving, sent what little money I have to give clothes for Christmas.

"But I'm getting experience, knowing what to do, being a mom, pretty much - just taking everything my mom taught me."

Pitt senior Xenia Stewart says she enjoys having the opportunity to raise breast cancer awareness because it could save a family from going through what Sallard's -- and by extension her family at Pitt -- is going through.

"I remember how Sophronia felt when her mom passed, and I can't imagine losing one of my teammates or any part of my coaching staff because they're more like a family," Stewart said. "I just can't imagine that happening."

No. 19 Panthers tame Wildcats

Pitt's defensive plan works to perfection

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by Paul Zeise, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

There is no joy in playing the Villanova women's basketball team because the Wildcats play a methodical style and attempt to slow the pace of every game.

There is, however, plenty of satisfaction in beating the Wildcats because in order to do so it means a team likely executed a disciplined game plan to near perfection.

And such was the case last night when the 19th-ranked Pitt Panthers beat the Wildcats, 70-54, for a crucial Big East Conference win in front of 3,120 fans at the Petersen Events Center. The victory moved the Panthers (19-5, 9-3) into a third-place tie with Villanova (17-9, 9-3), but they now hold the tiebreaker against the Wildcats in terms of seeding for the Big East tournament.

The victory also marked a fast turnaround for Pitt, which was blown away Sunday by top-ranked Connecticut, 95-42.

Last night, the Panthers held the Wildcats to two 3-pointers -- six below their average -- and, more important, limited them to three offensive rebounds. Villanova standout Laura Kurz scored

a career-high 35 points, but most of them were on layups, and that is the shot the Panthers conceded in order to take away the 3-pointer.

"I thought from an execution standpoint our team did a great job," Pitt coach Agnus Berenato said. "Villanova is a very disciplined team, a great team, but we wanted to come out and take away their 3-pointers because, when they don't get a certain number of points from the 3-point line, they have a hard time winning.

"We knew if we could make them trade twos for twos instead of threes for twos, we'd have a good chance to win."

The strategy of defending the perimeter and forcing the Wildcats to score from inside the 3-point line has worked well for the Panthers as they have won five games in a row against them.

Villanova coach Harry Perretta said that, while the Panthers' strategy against them is not unique, they are one of the few teams athletic enough at every position to pull it off.

"They did a very good job of taking away the 3-pointer," said Perretta. "Their defense was very good. Their philosophy against us is to not allow 3s and concede some layups, and I can't say I argue with it because it is a good

philosophy and they have the athletes to defend us.

"We have a tough time sustaining offense because we just don't have enough offensive-minded players, and they just kept the pressure on us."

Pitt senior Xenia Stewart, who scored 11 points, said the key to defending the Wildcats was communication among the players on the perimeter. She said they made sure to know where the screens were coming and switched to make sure that the Wildcats didn't get any open looks.

Teammate Shavonte Zellous added, "It was really important to get a win tonight, and we had two days to work on guarding their 3s and making sure we had a hand up on every shot.

"I thought we really executed our defensive plan, and that's the key to a win like this against a team like Villanova."

Zellous scored 23 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Panthers, who also got a solid effort from freshman Kate Popovec (12 points, nine rebounds).

2009 Dapper Dan Awards: Mike Tomlin and Shavonte Zellous Charity to honor Steelers coach, Pitt basketball star and Dick LeBeau

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by Robert Dvorchak, Pittsburgh Post

During the shared experience of a championship season, Mike Tomlin became the youngest coach to take his team to the Super Bowl, and Dick LeBeau had the distinction of being the NFL's oldest coordinator.

At the 73rd annual Dapper Dan Dinner & Sports Auction presented by BNY Mellon, they'll share the spotlight along with Pitt senior basketball player Shavonte Zellous.

Tomlin has been named the 2008 sportsman of the year while LeBeau, an ageless wonder at 71, has been chosen for a lifetime achievement award. Zellous, a cornerstone in the turnaround of the women's basketball program at Pitt, is the 2008 sportswoman of the year.

Dapper Dan data

- What: The 73rd annual Dapper Dan Dinner & Sports Auction.
- When: 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner, will be held April 2.
- Where: Petersen Events Center.
- Honorees: Sportsman and Sportswoman of the year for 2008 are Mike Tomlin, coach of the Steelers, and Shavonte Zellous of the Pitt women's basketball team. In addition, Steelers defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau will receive the lifetime achievement award.
- Of note: The Dapper Dan was founded in 1936 by Pittsburgh Post-Gazette sports editor Al Abrams. The primary beneficiary since the 1990s is the Boys & Girls Club of Western Pennsylvania.

Tomlin, 36, joins his two immediate predecessors, both of whom coached Super Bowl winners, as Dapper Dan honorees. Chuck Noll received the award for 1972, the first time in fran-

chise history the Steelers won a division title and won a playoff game. Bill Cowher won it in 1992, his first with the Steelers. He was honored again for the 1994 season.

But Tomlin has already earned a special niche. No other coach has won two division titles or won 22 regular-season games in his first two seasons. That, and a sixth crown for the team's trophy case, made him an obvious choice to be embraced by his new hometown.

"It's a great honor," Tomlin said.

Although he didn't hoist the Lombardi Trophy on Super Bowl night, he has since lifted the silver football and had his picture taken with it while flanked by Dan Rooney and his son, Art II. But Tomlin and his staff already are hard at work evaluating prospective draft picks ahead in advance of the NFL Combine.

"I'm always moving to new challenges," said Tomlin, who was named the 2008 Motorola coach of the year in voting by fans. "I'm a moving on kind of guy."

LeBeau, the mastermind behind the NFL's stingiest defense in 2008, joins some rare company with his award. Previous honorees for lifetime achievement were Arnold Palmer, Joe Paterno and Dan Rooney.

"That's some pretty heady company," said LeBeau, the most respected and revered coordinator in the game today. "I'm honored and humbled. It's more than I deserve. It's dizzying stuff."

LeBeau just completed a half-century in pro football. A cornerback for 14 seasons for the Detroit Lions, he still holds the NFL mark of 171 consecutive games played at his position, and his 62 career interceptions rank seventh all-time. He has been a coach at various levels for various organizations since 1973.

The franchise he works for now was just four years old, and the Dapper Dan was one year old, when he was born in 1937. When asked about his age in the run-up to the Super Bowl, LeBeau got a laugh

from the media by voicing a riff from the late James Brown, the self-proclaimed hardest working man in show business.

"I don't know how you're supposed to feel at age 71," LeBeau said, "but I feel good. Da, da, da, da, da, da, dum..."

Meanwhile, with the dinner tables to be at court level for the awards banquet, Zellous will feel right at home. It is on the Peterson Events Center court that she helped Pitt qualify for its first-ever appearance in the NCAA women's tournament and then led the team to the Sweet 16 in 2008.

Lightly recruited out of Jones High School in Orlando, Fla., she has surpassed 2,000 points for her career and is averaging more than 23 points per game this season.

"I just think it's an awesome honor for Shavonte," said Pitt coach Agnus Berenato, a two-time winner of the sportswoman of the year award. "[She] stands for all the right things, and she had done so much for this university on and off the court."

Zellous got the word from her coach, and it left her searching for words.

"My mouth just dropped and a big smile hit my face," she said. "This is not just an award for me, but for our whole team, because my teammates and coaches make everything possible for me. I can't describe it really. I'm just very honored."

In addition to the individual honors, results of the "Danny Awards" for best play, best moment and breakthrough athlete of 2008 will be announced. A celebration of the Super Bowl victory, and the distinction of being the first franchise to win six trophies, will be marked with player appearances.

The Dapper Dan is the city's oldest, largest and most prestigious sports banquet. Proceeds from the event benefit the youth sports and education programs of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Pennsylvania.

Late bloomer in basketball shines on the court

February 5, 2009

by Lara Boyko, NCAA.com

Whether it is scoring enough points, grabbing enough rebounds or dishing off enough assists, making it into the record books is noteworthy.

Yet it was just this week when 5-foot-10 redshirt senior guard Shavonte Zellous on the No. 24-ranked Pittsburgh women's basketball team showed that Pittsburgh is worth paying attention to not just because it is the home of the current NFL Super Bowl Champions. Instead, it was the milestone of scoring at least 2,000 points that she made look easy.

"After the Marquette game I was doing a radio interview with one of our broadcasters and he told me that I was close to scoring 2,000 points," said Zellous, who is now the 13th player in Big East history to hit this mark. "I didn't believe it and didn't really focus on it because my attention has been focused on trying to lead the team and get us to where we want to go."

"I give the credit to my teammates because they helped me to achieve this. It also means a lot to me because I was a late commitment and not too many schools were looking at me."

Zellous, who has been recognized on several post-season award watch lists

including the Naismith Award, Wooden Award and State Farm Wade Trophy this year, didn't receive much attention as a recruit in part because basketball wasn't her sport of choice from a young age.

"I was more of a track athlete since junior high when the track coach saw me running while I was playing and she approached me about joining the track squad," said Zellous. "I wasn't sure about it, but she told me that she thought I was going to be a star, so I decided to focus my attention on track. I especially liked the jumping events like high jump and triple jump. Once I stopped doing those I focused on the sprints and really liked those. I really liked running track."

A love for running on the track soon turned into a love for running around a basketball court during her freshman year of high school.

"I was probably in 9th grade when I started playing basketball," said Zellous. "I think it was my mom and my uncle who thought I would be a nice basketball athlete, so I started to take it more seriously."

"I couldn't make a lay-up to save my life and all I liked to do was run up-and-down the court so I could try to get steals and do other things. I really wasn't a big factor in scoring."

The first year may not have been that

impressive, but with time, Zellous started to get noticed for her basketball skills. Yet even though she was a McDonald's All-American nominee in high school, Zellous flew under the radar in the recruiting game. With only two schools extending offers to her, Zellous' choices were limited.

"Many schools were not looking at me and with only two schools looking at me (South Carolina State and Pittsburgh), I like what coach B had to offer me which is why I chose to come here," said Zellous.

Now along with reaching milestones on the basketball court in a Panther's jersey, Zellous already has one degree – Administrative Justice -- under her belt and ready to embark on her next adventure whether it is as a detective or in playing in the WNBA after being a projected first round WNBA draft pick.

"It means a lot to me and I give my thanks to God for giving me this talent that I am allowed to showcase to everybody," said Zellous. "It means so much to me and I have appreciated how the coaching staff and my teammates have allowed me to do the things I am capable of."

"I am no idea what is ahead for, but I am ok with whatever God has planned."

Pitt's Zellous has come full circle

Sunday, February 8, 2009

by Karen Price Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

There are so many reasons why Shavonte Zellous could be someone other than who she is today.

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But all that only makes it seem that much sweeter that the 5-foot-10 senior guard is who she is today — the leading scorer in the Big East, third-leading scorer in the nation and the strong leader of a No. 22 Pitt team that went to the Sweet Sixteen last year, with a career in the WNBA ahead of her.

"It feels good because there was so much stuff I needed to know," said Zellous, who is averaging 24 points and 5.5 rebounds per game. "Coming from high school, I didn't even know the basic fundamentals."

She knows now.

Track background helps

Zellous' track speed and long-jumping skills help her lift herself above virtu-

ally everyone else on the court. It's almost as if she has her own personal trampoline under her feet everywhere she goes, whether it's pulling up for a jumper or soaring for a rebound.

Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said Zellous was "unstoppable" after the Pitt star scored 29 points in an 82-70 win over the No. 19 Irish on Tuesday.

The game before, Zellous — or just "Te" as Berenato calls her — totaled 31 points in an 86-54 win over Marquette.

Zellous has scored in double figures in every game this season. She has scored between 10 and 19 points five times in 21 games. The other 16 she's scored 20 points or more with one 42-point night against then-No. 20 Florida on Dec. 21.

An amazing 38.4 percent of Pitt's baskets go through her hands, and during a five-game stretch between Dec. 21-Jan. 10, Zellous averaged 29.4 points per game and scored 45.6 percent of Pitt's points.

Like mother, like daughter

But before Zellous was known as "Te", she was "Vonte" growing up in Orlando, Fla.

When she transferred to Jones High (Fla.) in her junior year, she had always been a low-post player who was far more interested in her track career than basketball. Her mother, Tangelia Allen, had played for Jones coach Jimmy Mincey and wanted her daughter to do the same.

Mincey recognized that Zellous had more to offer, but it was going to take work.

"She wasn't shooting the ball very well at that time," Mincey said. "We spent hours at practice outdoors.

"When she was a junior and senior, we were in

the process of the school being rebuilt, so we had to practice outdoors and play our games at the middle school. I started working with her left hand, and all of a sudden, she took off."

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SHAVONTE ZELLOUS
PITT GUARD

Pitt's Zellous took a long road to stardom

MUTUAL GAINS

The senior's transformation off the court has benefitted the team on the court.

BY KAREN PRICE
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

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ACCOLADES

Here's a look at some of the notoriety Pitt guard Shavonte Zellous has received:

- John R. Wooden Award midseason candidate
- Naamath Trophy early season candidate
- State Farm Wade Trophy candidate
- Unanimous preseason All-Big East Team
- Lindy's, Sporting News and Sports Illustrated preseason All-America

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"She's just amazing," Marquette coach Terri Mitchell said. "She's driving their team right now, and everyone's falling behind her."

Mincey said Zellous had many of the same qualities back then - hard-working, driven, humble. She could score 50 points and act like she only scored one.

But she also played alongside Jessica Lawson, a 6-3 all-state center who soaked up most of the attention from recruiters. The University of South Florida wanted Lawson and was prepared to take Zellous. But when Lawson decided to go to the University of California, that left Zellous out in the cold.

In late April, Zellous was leaning toward South Carolina State when she got a call from associate coach Williams saying Pitt saw video of her playing in the Florida state championship game and wanted to come see her in the open gym.

That was 2003-04, Berenato's first season at Pitt. The Panthers won six games that year.

"When I met (Berenato and Williams), they told me that I could help the program," Zellous said. "And then she told me her record, and I was like, um, OK. Then she said, 'You just have to believe in us. We're going to win a national championship, and you could be the difference maker.'"

Zellous took the leap of faith.

Time to mature

But before she could help propel Pitt to its highest ranking in school history and first-ever trip to the Sweet Sixteen, she had some growing up to do.

Zellous redshirted her freshman year, admittedly not ready for the rigors of academics or sports at a Division I college.

"My freshman year was rough, getting kicked out of classes like I was still in high school, about to get sent back to Florida," she said. "I got a reality check real quick. I was like, let me get myself together. This is not high school.

"If I go home, I'm not going to be doing

anything with myself, probably getting into some type of trouble, hanging with the wrong crowd. That was basically the turning point, realizing what I was going to lose and what I could gain by being here."

Back on track, Zellous was named the Big East Most Improved Player her sophomore season and earned a spot on the All-Big East First team, an honor she received again last year.

With Mercedes Walker gone, she is now the team's intense and nurturing leader.

Zellous is on pace to score the most single-season points in school history, a record which has stood for 24 years since Jennifer Bruce scored 681 in 1984-85. Zellous has 504; Bruce had 681.

She also recently became the third woman and fifth player overall at Pitt to break 2,000 points and could break the all-time scoring record held by Lorri Johnson, who scored 2,312 points from 1987-91. Bruce is the second-leading all-time scorer with 2,295 points between 1981-85; Zellous has 2,008.

Jennifer Bruce Scott was at Petersen Events Center on Tuesday when Zellous scored her 2,000th point. Her daughter, Shayla, is a sophomore forward for the Panthers.

"I think she's outstanding," Bruce Scott said of Zellous. "She's an automatic scorer."

Bruce Scott said it's too difficult to compare her career to those of Johnson and Zellous and say who's the best to ever play for the Panthers because they played different positions at different times and with different rules.

"Do I want her to break my record? No," Bruce Scott said, laughing. "But if she does, I'll be more than happy."

A WNBA future?

ESPN and CBS broadcaster Beth Mowins has watched Zellous develop over the years. Her strongest quality, Mow-

ins said, is her use of elevation to create offense.

"It's so critical in the women's game, and you're at such an advantage, if you can create your own shot," Mowins said. "What Shavonte does better than just about anyone else in the women's game is elevation. Her jumper, dribble penetration, going for a rebound, she can get higher than just about anybody on the floor."

Pitt doesn't get the same hype as powerhouses Tennessee or Connecticut, but Zellous draws attention with her scoring. Mowins said Zellous will "absolutely" be a first-round pick at the WNBA draft April 9.

"I have run into a lot of scouts, and I know Shavonte is high on everybody's list," Mowins said. "When you're outscoring (Louisville's) Angel McCoughtry and (Connecticut's) Maya Moore, that says a lot about your game. I think all the WNBA coaches and scouts love her ability to get up and down the floor."

But Zellous, who already has a Bachelor of Science in administration of justice and is working on a second degree, isn't thinking about what comes after Pitt.

She's thinking about what's coming on March 6, when the Big East Tournament opens in Hartford, Conn. And she's thinking about the team's goals this year.

"I daydream about how far the program has come, about what if we win the Big East Championship, what if we win the national championship," Zellous said. "As a team, that's all we talk about. We picture it every day."

Over-Zellous Pitt cruises Irish can't handle star

Wednesday, February 4, 2009

by CURT RALLO *Tribune Staff Writer*

PITTSBURGH — On a day when Pittsburgh threw a parade for its Super Bowl champions, the city may want to consider a parade for another Steel City athlete.

Pittsburgh's Panthers used an "over-Zellous" effort Tuesday night to defeat Notre Dame, 82-70, in Big East college women's basketball.

All-American candidate Shavonte Zellous sliced through the Irish defense to score 29 points, an effort that made the senior guard just the fifth athlete in Pitt basketball history (men and women) to surpass the 2,000-point milestone.

Notre Dame, ranked No. 13 in the coaches poll and No. 19 in the Associated Press, is 16-5 overall and 5-4 in the Big East. Pitt represented the first in a brutal stretch for the Irish, who play three more ranked teams in their next four games.

The Irish return home for the Pink Zone game against DePaul Sunday (2 p.m. EST tip-off).

Pitt, ranked No. 24 in the coaches poll and No. 22 in the Associated Press, is 17-4 and 7-2.

"This was a big game and they came out and played well," McGraw said of Pittsburgh. "They played hard. They did everything they needed to do. Zellous was unstoppable. We didn't have anybody, absolutely anybody, that could guard her. She had a fantastic game."

Becca Bruszewski and Erica Solomon worked inside to lead the Irish with 14 points each. Solomon and Bruszewski muscled inside against the physical and taller Panthers for eight and six rebounds respectively.

Melissa Lechlitner scored nine points and contributed four assists to the Irish attack. Lindsay Schrader scored eight points and grabbed seven rebounds.

"I thought Erica Solomon and Becca Bruszewski came out to play," McGraw continued. "I thought they played hard and did some good things, but other than that, it was a very disappointing effort."

Pitt jumped out to a 15-4 lead and owned a 40-31 halftime edge.

Notre Dame fought back to close to 49-48 on a power move inside by Erica Williamson with 14:42 left in the game. The Irish pushed the ball upcourt following a Pitt turnover and Natalie Novosel drove in for a lay-up, but a charge was called on Novosel and the basket was waved off.

Pitt answered in force. After Xenia Stewart took the charge to keep the Panthers in the lead, Pitt went on an 8-2 run fueled by three consecutive baskets in which the Panthers were fouled, including two by Zellous. The Irish sliced a 57-50 Pitt lead to three at 57-54, but the Panther transition game turned Irish misfires into Pitt points to put the game out of reach.

"That really took the wind out of our sails," McGraw said of the way the game turned after Novosel's charge. "We just made such bad fouls. We didn't get in front of the ball. They attacked the basket and we fouled them."

Pitt coach Agnus Berenato agreed that the Panthers' response after the charge call against Novosel was critical.

"One of the keys was having help-side defense and take the charge, be willing to sacrifice your body and take the charge," Berenato said of Stewart's play. "When you take a charge, it just energizes the entire team. That energy is what put us ahead, and it took us over the top."

Zellous wasn't the only force for the Panthers. Stewart and Taneisha Harrison scored 17 points each. Shayla Scott bruised the Irish for 18 rebounds, and Pepper Wilson snared 12 cars.

But the night belonged to Zellous, who now has 2,008 points in her career. Zellous is third on the all-time Pitt women's basketball scoring list. Lorri Johnson (1987-1991) is the No. 1 scorer in Pitt history with 2,312 points. Sarah Behn of Boston College (1989-93) owns the top spot in Big East scoring with 2,523 points. Zellous is 13th on the Big East list, behind Notre Dame scoring leader Ruth Riley, who scored 2,072 points in her career (1997-2001).

"It's amazing," Berenato said of Zellous' accomplishment. "She's really worked hard for it."

Zellous wasn't fazed by the milestone.

"It's just another milestone," Zellous said. "It's great ... but I have to thank my teammates. They allowed me and helped me reach that milestone."

Pitt's Zellous reaches 2,000 in victory

Wednesday, February 4, 2009

By Karen Price, TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Shavonte Zellous' game ended the same way it began Tuesday night — with a 3-pointer.

In between, the Pitt senior guard made 4 of 5 3-point attempts and scored 29 points to top the 2,000-point career milestone in an 82-70 win over Notre Dame at Petersen Events Center.

Zellous is just the third player in Pitt women's history, the fifth player in Pitt basketball history and the 13th player in Big East women's history to reach the 2,000-point milestone. The Orlando, Fla., native is also averaging 23.8 points per game to lead the Big East and ranks second in the nation in scoring.

In typical Zellous fashion, she reacted to the achievement with a sheepish grin and more praise for everyone around her than for herself.

"It's just another milestone, I guess," Zellous said. "It's great to be the fifth person in Pitt history to reach it, but I have to thank my teammates and coaches. They allowed me and helped me to reach that milestone, so I give all the credit to them."

In knocking off No. 19 Notre Dame, No. 22 Pitt (17-4, 7-3 Big East) has won its past six games.

Sophomore Shayla Scott had her second double-double in three games with 11 points and a career-high 18 rebounds, freshman center Pepper Wilson was in double figures in rebounds for the second game in a row with 12, and senior Xenia Stewart and sophomore Taneisha Harrison both scored 17.

Notre Dame (16-5, 5-4 Big East), the nation's No. 8 team in early December, held a 17-2 series lead over Pitt coming into the game. The Panthers defeated the Irish for the first time in school history on Jan. 31, 2007.

"Pitt outplayed us in every phase of game, especially on the boards," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. "Especially Scott (with) 18 rebounds, that's incredible. This was a big game, they came out, played well and did everything they needed to.

"And Zellous was unstoppable. We didn't have anyone who could guard her."

The Irish, who've lost four of their past six after opening the season 14-1, pulled within one point five minutes into the second quarter, but that was the closest they came in a contest that Pitt led from the outset.

With Pitt clinging to the 49-48 lead, Stewart took a charge from Notre Dame freshman Natalie Novosel. Harrison was blocked but got her own re-

bound and hit the jumpshot, drew a foul and made the free throw to make it 52-48.

Notre Dame didn't closer than three points for the rest of the game.

"We talked about being willing to take the charge, being willing to sacrifice the body," Pitt coach Agnus Berenato said. "I think when you take a charge it energizes the whole team."

Pitt won the opening tip, and Zellous made a 3-pointer. A defensive rebound by Scott and another 3-pointer, this one from Stewart, sparked an 8-0 opening run.

The Panthers led by nine at the half.

"I think any time you open with a strong start, it's hugely important," Berenato said. "The beginning of the game, the beginning of the second half and the last three minutes are the game. They're the tone-setters."

All three of Pitt's avictories against Notre Dame have come in the past four games.

"Notre Dame has something we want," Berenato said. "They're ranked higher than us, they have tremendous tradition and prestige, they're a well-coached team. They've won a national championship. That's the key. We want to win a national championship somewhere down the road."

Zellous reaches 2,000; Senior guard leads with 29 in victory

Wednesday, February 04, 2009

By Paul Zeise, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

It wasn't that long ago that the women's basketball series between Notre Dame and Pitt was lopsided in the Irish's favor. In fact, it was so lopsided that "one-sided" is a far more accurate description: The Irish won the first 16 meetings, usually by large margins.

But that was before Agnus Berenato and her staff arrived and transformed Pitt into a Top25-caliber program -- and what speaks volumes about how far the Panthers have risen in the Big East Conference pecking order is how they've done recently against the Irish, who are always near the top.

Last night the 22nd-ranked Panthers played host to No. 19 Notre Dame and made it clear from the outset that the days of being bullied are long gone. Pitt led by 10 before the game was four minutes old and had control the entire way before winning, 82-70, before a crowd of 3,813 at the Petersen Events Center.

It was the Panthers' third win in their past four games against Notre Dame. Pitt (17-4, 7-2 Big East) has won six in a row.

Senior guard Shavonte Zellous had 29 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

She became just the third player in Pitt history to reach 2,000 points for her career.

She joins former Panthers Lorri Johnson and Jennifer Bruce in the 2,000-point club and is one of only 13 players in Big East history to reach the mark.

And notably, Zellous, who is the Big East's leading scorer, surpassed the milestone during a critical 14-6 Panthers run midway through the second half that squashed an Irish attempt at a comeback.

"What Shavonte has done is amazing; she has worked hard for it," Berenato said. "This was a great team win. We were 0-16 against them but our staff collectively really believed [we] could build a Top 25 program here and we have never wavered from that belief.

"When I arrived [I couldn't compete] with Notre Dame, but coming into tonight, I'll be honest, we expected to win. We expect to win these games now because we feel we are capable of competing with anyone."

Zellous, who has set numerous records and has been a near-unstoppable offensive force this season, said the win was bigger than becoming a 2,000-point scorer because her only goals are to lead the Panthers to a Big East and national title.

"It is just another milestone," said Zellous, who finished the night at 2,008 career points. "I thank my teammates and give them all the credit for it and it was good to do it here for the fans to be a part of it."

Zellous, however, was not a one-woman team last night. She had plenty of help from her teammates-- in particular Shayla Scott, who scored 11 points and grabbed a career-high 18 rebounds, and Taneisha Harrison and Xenia Stewart, who each scored 17 points.

"I thought [Harrison] was strong off the bench," Berenato said. "Offensively she was aggressive and Xenia energized us when she took that charge [during the clinching run]. Xenia is one of our strongest players, she made some baskets that helped break it open.

"Everybody is better when we share the basketball -- Shavonte will get her points, but when we have others stepping up like tonight, we're really tough to guard."

Pitt Women: Panthers begin difficult stretch

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

By Paul Zeise, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The Panthers have won five in a row, are back in position to grab a first-round bye for the newly formatted Big East tournament and are looking to grab one of the four "double byes."

This is the first season that all 16 teams will be at the Big East tournament in Hartford, Conn., and the format is such that the first four teams will get two byes, the second four will get one bye and the teams which finish ninth through 16th will have a long, long road to win the tournament.

And if the season ended today, the 22nd-ranked Panthers (16-4, 6-2 Big East) would be one of the top four teams that get the first two nights off as they are currently in third place, one-half game ahead of Villanova (13-8, 5-2).

But the season in many ways begins today for the Panthers as they start one of their toughest stretches. Pitt plays host to No. 19 Notre Dame tonight and then will play games at Rutgers (12-7, 4-4) and at No. 1 Connecticut (21-0, 7-0).

They will then play host to Villanova and two games later play at No. 5 Louisville (20-2, 7-1).

There is a lot of basketball left to be played against quality teams. Given the Panthers dropped two of their first three conference games, their margin for error seems to be very slim -- which is a fact coach Agnus Berenato has used to motivate her team.

"We've been telling them -- every game from here on in is for positioning," Berenato said. "We don't have a margin for error, we can't afford to lose games, we have to keep pushing and find a way every night. I think the key is it has helped our players focus and frankly, these are the kinds of games these kids want to play in.

"You come to Pitt to compete against

Big East competition. These kids want to challenge themselves and you know me, I've always said, to be the best you better beat the best, and that's our attitude going into this stretch."

The Panthers already have played some games against top competition; their non-conference schedule included Maryland, Florida, Penn State and Texas A&M. These games they are about to play, however, all count in the league standings, which adds extra "spice," according to Berenato.

Tonight's game is an intriguing matchup because the Irish, until recently, had completely dominated the series. Notre Dame won the first 16 games in the series and most of the time by large margins.

Pitt has won two of the past three games against the Irish, including a 64-53 win in the Big East tournament last season, so the Panthers could enter tonight's game with confidence.

Berenato said that the main thing the past three games have proven is that the Panthers have closed the gap with the top teams in the Big East and are able to compete with them now. She said she expects tonight's game to come down to the wire as both teams are playing at a high level right now.

"We couldn't compete with teams like them until we got better players and better athletes," Berenato said. "And that's what we've tried to do -- get to the point where we could compete with teams like Notre Dame who have won national championships. And they are a really, really good basketball team and [Muffet McGraw] is one of the best coaches in the women's game, and we've played them enough to know what to expect and they know what to expect from us.

"I think the most amazing thing is, we're trying to talk about getting a bye in the Big East tournament now and it was only a few years ago that we didn't even make it into the tournament. We've come a long way but we still have some

climbing to do."

Scouting Report

Matchup: No. 19 Notre Dame (16-4, 5-3 Big East) vs. No. 22 Pitt (16-4, 6-2), 7 p.m. today, Petersen Events Center.

Radio: WBGG-AM (970), tape delay at 9 p.m.

Pitt: Has won five games in a row. ... Allowed only 46.5 points per game in wins against Georgetown and DePaul last week. ... Freshman Pepper Wilson led the team in rebounds (17), assists (4), steals (3) and blocks (3) in a victory Saturday against DePaul. ... Guard Shavonte Zellous is second in the NCAA in scoring (23.8 ppg). She needs 21 points to reach 2,000 for her career.

Notre Dame: Coming off a 66-50 win against Cincinnati. ... Ashley Barlow leads the team in scoring (12.2 ppg). ... Coach Muffet McGraw is in her 22nd season with the Irish and has a record of 490-192. ... Leads the all-time series with Pitt 17-2, including 8-1 in games played in Pittsburgh. However, the Irish are 1-2 in their past three games against Pitt. ... Leading rebounder is Lindsay Schrader (7.1 ppg).

Hidden stat: Notre Dame is averaging 17 turnovers per game and 15.5 assists.

Pitt Women's Basketball: Panthers extend streak with defense

Wednesday, January 31, 2009

By Jim Rodenbush, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pitt women's basketball coach Agnus Berenato said her team set a goal before the start of the season to become known as a strong defensive unit.

The Panthers might get their wish, following another outstanding effort last night.

Pitt held Marquette to 26 percent shooting and limited its leading scorer to two field goals on the way to an 86-54 victory at the Petersen Events Center.

Shavonte Zellous scored 31 points, giving her 1,979 for her career, and Pepper Wilson added 13 points and 17 rebounds to lead the No. 21 Panthers (16-4, 6-2 Big East), who have won five consecutive games after back-to-back losses earlier this month.

Taneisha Harrison had 15 points off the bench for Pitt, which beat Marquette for the second time in the program's history.

Krystal Ellis had 13 points, leaving her three short of breaking the school's all-time scoring record, to lead Marquette (12-9, 3-4). Angel Robinson, who entered last night with a team-leading 14.1 points per game, had nine points on 2-of-18 shooting.

The Panthers' defense had 11 blocked shots, eight steals and forced 14 turnovers.

"We held them to 26 percent shooting, and our defense did have something to do with that," Berenato said.

"Some might say, 'Oh, they were just off,' but we definitely had something to do with that. I thought we did a good job with them."

Marquette coach Terri Mitchell agreed.

"They absolutely had a great defensive night," she said. "It added up to a huge loss, an embarrassing loss."

Pitt's strong defensive effort came three days after it held Georgetown to 12 second-half in its current winning streak.

"We take pride and get excited and energized about our defense," said Shayla Scott, who had nine points for the Panthers.

Marquette jumped to a 5-0 lead, then made just one field goal over the next 8:16.

Pitt went on a 19-4 run in that span to go ahead, 19-9. Zellous had 12 points in the burst, including 10 in a row at one point.

"When she scores, it gives us a spark," Wilson said. "She never lets us down."

Zellous, the leading scorer in the Big East, was 11 for 20 from the field last night and added four rebounds and three assists.

Her point total was her second highest in Big East play this season and followed sub-par performances against Syracuse and Georgetown.

"I give credit to my teammates," she said. "I felt like I was a distributor and a rebounder [last night]. I had a decent floor game, and my overall performance allowed me to score 31 points."

Marquette could only get as close as 20 points in the second half. The final margin represented Pitt's biggest lead.

NOTES -- There was a moment of silence before the game for North Carolina State women's basketball coach Kay Yow, who died last weekend of breast cancer at the age of 66.

Zellous shines in Pitt win

Friday, January 30, 2009

By Karen Price, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

As Shavonte Zellous goes, so goes the Pitt women's basketball team.

That's the opinion held by Marquette coach Terri Mitchell, among others. And judging by Zellous' 31-point performance in a lopsided, 86-54 win over the Golden Eagles on Friday, few would probably argue.

But as Pitt coach Agnus Berenato pointed out, Zellous was far from the only Panthers player to shine in front of 5,684 fans at Petersen Events Center.

Freshman center Pepper Wilson had what Berenato called a breakout game with 17 rebounds -- 14 of them defensive -- 13 points and a team-high four assists, three blocks and three steals. Sophomore guard Taneisha Harrison came off the bench to add 15 points, second behind Zellous. And Shayla Scott had nine points and four rebounds.

"I thought the whole team really stepped

up," Berenato said. "Shavonte had a tremendous all-around game, (not only) scoring, but she was also distributing the ball and really encouraging to her teammates, constantly talking to them.

"Pepper had a phenomenal game. Every time you turned around, she was getting a rebound or a blocked shot.

"Shayla Scott did a great job. (Harrison) was terrific. ... I was afraid of a letdown, and the team didn't give us a letdown."

Halfway through the Big East schedule, with only eight games left, No. 21 Pitt is 16-4 overall and 6-2 in the conference. Last night was the Panthers' first home game after a three-game road trip, and they have won five consecutive.

Pitt also played well defensively. The Panthers held Marquette to just 26.2 percent shooting. The Golden Eagles went 16 of 61 after sinking their first two shots for a 5-0 lead to open the game.

Marquette leading scorer Angel Robinson, a senior guard who averages 14.1 points per game, was held to just nine, while senior Krystal Ellis led the team with 13 points.

"(Pitt) had a great night, we had a very poor night and it added up to a really huge loss and an embarrassing loss," Mitchell said.

Zellous now needs only 21 points to reach the 2,000 mark. She was 11 of 20 from the field last night and made 6-of-7 free throws.

"I just want to give credit to my teammates because I was a distributor and a rebounder and was getting open looks for my teammates, whether it was inside to (Wilson) or (Scott) knocking down the 3," Zellous said. "But think my overall performance allowed me to score 31 points and have a decent floor game."

Pitt freshman center Kate Popovec, who suffered a third-degree right ankle sprain three weeks earlier in practice, came in for some minutes late after missing the previous five games. She initially was expected to miss two to four weeks.

Pitt Women: Assistant coach lights fire under trio of sophomores

Friday, January 30, 2009

By Paul Zeise, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pitt women's basketball coach Agnus Berenato often leans on her top assistant, Jeff Williams, when the team goes through some adversity. Earlier this month, when the 21st-ranked Panthers found themselves unranked and mired in a two-game losing streak, that's exactly what she did.

Williams did what he does best: He motivated. He gathered the Panthers' sensational group of sophomores -- Taneisha Harrison, Shayla Scott and Chelsea Cole -- and challenged them to push themselves harder.

Since then, the Panthers have gotten back on track and are on a four-game winning streak.

Pitt (15-4, 5-2 Big East) will play host to Marquette (12-8, 3-3) tonight in a crucial conference game. The game is also the annual "Pack the Petersen" event and all tickets are discounted to \$1 as the athletic department looks to fill Petersen Events Center. The event, which includes a number of activities for fans, including a karaoke contest, has been a success in recent years and has traditionally produced the biggest crowd of the year.

Berenato said her team is excited about the game because the Golden Eagles are a quality opponent and have had

their number in recent years. Marquette is 4-1 against Pitt and features two of the top players in the conference in Angel Robinson (14.1 ppg) and Krystal Ellis (13.5 ppg).

Berenato said that her team should be ready for the challenge.

"Our sophomore class has indeed stepped up and that's been a big boost," she said. "And it started when, during one scout meeting, coach Williams challenged the sophomores and told them to start playing more consistently. If you look at where we are, Shayla has had a couple of her best games over this stretch. She was amazing [Wednesday] at Georgetown. Taneisha is playing much, much stronger and she likes that role of coming off the bench and giving us energy.

"And then Chelsea is beginning to gain confidence and she is starting to believe what we are telling her, that we think she can be. She's gotten better every game."

Berenato said that the two-game losing streak proved to the sophomores and freshmen that the Big East is a grind and, for the Panthers to compete in conference games, maximum focus and effort is required from every player.

One other factor in the Panthers' early conference struggles was some lineup changes forced upon them because of injuries. Pitt lost its starting point guard,

Jania Sims, in the first game to a leg injury and struggled to find a replacement. Senior Xenia Stewart has seemingly settled into the role.

The Panthers also lost freshman forward Kate Popovec (ankle), one of their leading rebounders, and Harrison never fully embraced the idea of being a starter. Berenato said with Harrison coming off the bench and Sophronia Sallard starting, the rotation has been smoother.

Tonight, however, their challenge will be to stop the Golden Eagles, who have been an enigma this season because they are one of the more talented teams in the league but have yet to find consistency.

"They are a hard team to figure out," Berenato said. "They have some really great wins, like Notre Dame, then they have a few games where you're surprised they lost.

"But they are really good, they are athletic and either of their top two players are capable of going off and having a big night. So we have to be ready to play defense, especially in transition because they love to run."

Pitt women lose point guard

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

By Karen Price, TRIBUNE-REVIEW

The Pitt women's basketball team will be without junior point guard Jania Sims for the rest of the season.

Coach Agnus Berenato announced the decision Monday to apply for a medical redshirt for Sims after doctors discovered bilateral stress fractures in both legs while treating her for ankle and knee injuries suffered in the first game of the season.

Those injuries actually healed, but Berenato said that as Sims was targeting a return roughly two weeks ago,

her legs started to swell inexplicably. The stress fractures were discovered after a battery of tests.

"It is really disappointing," Berenato said. "(Jania) was our court leader and we were so looking forward to having her back with the team. But like when she got hurt the first time, we can weather the storm. Injuries are a part of the game, we're the same team, and we'll rebound. It just hit everyone like a ton of bricks."

Berenato said Pitt (11-4, 1-2 in the Big East) will have to continue playing "point guard by committee." This was to have been a breakout season for Sims, who was a 2007 All-Big East Freshman Team member and was one of the best-kept secrets in the Big East.

The 5-7 Newark, N.J., native averaged 9.6 points and 3.4 assists per game in 14 games last year.

She was academically ineligible the second half of last season.

"(Jania) is really so spicy and has so much pizzazz and court awareness and leadership," Berenato said, "But no one was more excited to lead the team than her, especially after last year."

The team also announced that freshman center Kate Popovec will be out 2-4 weeks after suffering a third-degree ankle sprain in practice on Friday.

Berenato gets win No. 100 vs. WVU Zellous scored 34 to carry Panthers

Monday, Jan. 5, 2009

By Paul Zeise, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pitt women's basketball coach Agnus Berenato won her 100th game yesterday, but it didn't come easy as the Panthers were pushed to the limit by a scrappy West Virginia team in their Big East Conference opener.

In an on-court ceremony after the game, Berenato was presented with flowers and thanked her assistant coaches, players, the fans and Pitt's administration.

And while Berenato and her top assistant Jeff Williams deserve a lot of credit for their first 99 wins, they should thank superb senior Shavonte Zellous for win No. 100 because, in the words of Mountaineers coach Mike Carey, she was "unstoppable."

Zellous scored a game-high 34 points, grabbed 5 rebounds and had 4 assists, leading the 19th-ranked Panthers to a 72-63 win before a crowd of 4,528 at Petersen Events Center. The 34 points she scored represented the second-highest total of her career and came on a day when the rest of the Panthers struggled offensively.

Zellous put on quite a show, particularly down the stretch when the Panthers (11-2, 1-0 Big East) were trying to survive a rally by West Virginia (10-3, 0-1).

At one point, in fact, Zellous, who scored 28 points in the second half, scored 13 consecutive points and had assists on five others, meaning she was responsible for 18 of the Panthers' final 22 points.

She also shot an impressive 12 for 20 from the field (60 percent), 3 for 6 from 3-point range and 7 for 9 from the free-throw line.

It was the kind of performance that has become somewhat common for Zellous, who has developed into one of the most dominant scorers in the country.

She has averaged 28 points in the Panthers' past five games, including a 17-point game when she played limited minutes in a 43-point blowout of Western Kentucky last week.

"You cannot say enough about Shavonte Zellous' performance tonight," Berenato said. "In the second half, she was unbelievable. She scored, she had some assists, she had big rebounds down the stretch -- a couple of which she went up over everybody else and willed them into her hands. ... I thought one of the most impressive things was her composure; it was terrific on both offense and defense."

Zellous added: "Coach and my teammates have a lot of confidence in me to allow me to do the things I was doing. And the second half is always my half it seems. I felt like I kind of let my team

down in the first half with my fouls, so coming out at halftime I knew I had to pick up my game.

"When I am in my zone, I am zoning [out] everything else. I just let everything else go and focus on me and what I have to do to help my team."

Pitt led at halftime, 34-31, but the first half was a grind because neither team could get much going on offense. The game remained close for the first 10 minutes of the second half -- a layup by West Virginia's Takisha Granberry with 10:25 to play tied it at 47 -- but the Panthers made a 10-0 run to take control of the game.

West Virginia did pull to within three points at 60-57, but Zellous scored on four consecutive possessions to keep the Panthers ahead. Sophronia Sallard and Shayla Scott iced the game by hitting four consecutive free throws.

Granberry, who called Zellous' performance "unbelievable," led the Mountaineers with 22 points and eight rebounds. Liz Repella added 18 points.

Zellous shines in big win for Pitt

Monday, Jan. 5, 2009

By Karen Price, Pittsburgh Tribune Review

Pitt senior guard Shavonte Zellous thought she let her team down in a tight first half against visiting West Virginia on Sunday.

She had six points and two fouls, while the Panthers led by only three points at the half. So, she wanted to make more of a difference in the second.

Zellous did just that, scoring 28 second-half points for a game-high 34 in a 72-63 Pitt win in front of 4,528 at Peterson Events Center.

It was the second-best scoring game of Zellous' career, trailing only her 42-point performance against Florida on Dec. 21.

Yesterday, Zellous made 12-of-20 shots from the field, including 3 of 6 on 3-pointers. She also had five rebounds and a team-high four assists.

"Shavonte really wanted the ball," Pitt coach Agnus Berenato said. "She wanted her number to be called, and she did it really well."

The win was Berenato's 100th at Pitt. It also brings the No. 19 Panthers' record to 11-2, while West Virginia falls to 10-3. It was the Big East opener for both teams.

"She's unbelievable," West Virginia senior guard Takisha Granberry said of Zellous. "She has nice moves, a nice shot. She went off on us."

Granberry led the Mountaineers with 22 points, followed by sophomore guard Liz Repella with 18. The pair was the reason West Virginia stayed in the game as long as it did once Zellous got hot.

"When I get in that zone, I just zone everything else out," Zellous said. "I just let everything go and stay focused on helping the team."

It was Pitt's second-lowest offensive output of the season behind a 66-47

win over Duquesne last month. The Panthers entered the contest averaging 83.4 points per game and holding opponents to 53.9 points per game and 33.1 percent shooting from the field. West Virginia shot 41.4 percent yesterday.

It also was the closest margin of victory for Pitt this season. Six of the Panthers' 11 victories have been by 30 or more points.

"I don't think Pitt's seen defense like they saw," Mountaineers coach Mike Carey said. "But when (Zellous) is hitting 3's, she's tough to guard."

The game was the 37th meeting between the rivals, with West Virginia holding a 21-16 advantage.

Pitt next heads to Providence for a game Wednesday, while West Virginia plays host to Cincinnati the same day.

Zellous lifts Pitt past upset-minded WVU

Monday, Jan. 5, 2009

By Bob Hertzler, Times West Virginian

The record books will show that No. 19 Pitt scored its 11th win of the season against West Virginia Sunday afternoon at the Petersen Center, but don't you believe it.

The record books will also show that Pitt coach Agnes Berenato earned her 100th victory as Pitt coach in the game, but don't you believe that, either.

Neither Pitt nor Berenato beat the Mountaineers, 72-63, on Sunday.

Shavonte Zellous did.

The 5-11 senior took complete control of the game in the second half and single-handedly beat back a courageous effort by a West Virginia team that had everything going for them except Zellous.

Zellous scored 34 points, 28 of them after intermission. Pitt scored only 38 in the second half as a team.

"I felt like I let the team down in the first half when I got in foul trouble," she said. "But the second half is always my half, for some odd reason."

What she did is difficult to describe. How do you tell someone so that they believe a player at the major college level scored her team's first 15 points

of the half? She hit jump shots. She hit 3s. She made acrobatic drives to the hoop. She hit free throws.

The only shot she didn't make was the easiest, a layup ... and that came 11 minutes and 18 seconds into the half.

"When she's hitting her 3s she's impossible to guard," said WVU coach Mike Carey.

On this day she hit 3 of 6 of her 3-point shots.

"She's unbelievable," added WVU's Takisha Granberry, who scored 22 points herself. "Nice moves, nice shot. She went off on us."

What was amazing about the display was that it came against a West Virginia team that really was playing good defense, enough so that it trailed by only three points going into the final two minutes of the game when Zellous drove two more baskets through the Mountaineers' heart.

Until then, Takisha Granberry and Liz Repella were keeping WVU in the game. In fact, it was consecutive 3s by Granberry put WVU in position to win a game no one expected them to have a chance in.

After all, WVU was without four players for the season and going against a Top 20 team that possessed six victories of 30 or more points.

"It felt like desperation. We were desperate for points," said Granberry, who finished with 22 while Repella added 18.

But there really was nothing WVU could do as long as Zellous was residing in that so-called "zone."

"When I'm in my zone, I'm zoning everything out," Zellous said. "I was called for traveling. I just let it go."

Nothing around her seems to exist, except for the crowd noise.

"I hear the crowd, that's extra oomph," she said.

She certainly did all that Berenato every could ask of her.

"I can't say enough about Zellous," said Berenato, who can't say enough about almost anything. "Second half, she pulled up and scored, she came off curls and scored, she went off the bounce and scored. Down the stretch you need a go-to player and she showed today why she is the kind of player she is."

Zellous transforms from relative unknown to one of game's best

Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009

By Mechelle Voepel, Special to ESPN.com

Only one Division I college had expressed any desire to bring in Shavonte Zellous when she was in high school in Orlando, Fla. It was in the spring of her senior year, and she figured maybe that's where she was headed: South Carolina State.

Then again, maybe not. She wasn't sure what was going to happen. Most of her fellow seniors across the nation by then had long since made their college plans. Zellous, a 5-foot-11 guard, had been the MVP of her state high school hoops tournament. She was also a track standout. But it didn't seem as if any college was really all that interested in her.

Shavonte Zellous is averaging 22.2 points and 5.1 rebounds for the 10-2 Panthers.

You've read a lot about Elena Delle Donne, the highly recruited player since her early teens who decided not to play basketball. This, however, is the opposite kind of story: someone who really wasn't recruited at all, but is now one of the top players in women's college basketball.

"Nobody was after Shavonte," said coach Agnus Berenato, who left Georgia Tech to take over at Pitt in 2003. "But we were horrendous my first year here; we had six wins. So we were looking for anything."

Marynell Meadors, who's now head coach of the WNBA's Atlanta Dream, was then an assistant at Pitt. She was watching a rerun of a Florida girls' state tournament game, more or less passing the time.

Jones High of Orlando was playing, and the center on that team, Jessica Lawson, was headed to Cal (she would later transfer to South Florida). But Meadors noticed that there was this guard who was a teammate of Lawson's.

"Marynell said, 'I think she's pretty good,'" Berenato recalled. "So we flew down to Florida to see Shavonte. She was an athlete, for sure, but kind of an out-of-control athlete. Raw, raw, raw. We needed her, though. We offered her

a full scholarship, and she came."

Zellous was completely surprised when she found out Pittsburgh was even interested -- let alone ready to bring her on board.

"I thought, 'Well, maybe I can come and help this program,'" she said.

Her first year, Zellous redshirted, getting acclimated to college and the move north to Pittsburgh, which wasn't very easy. She was homesick and missed the familiarity of her native warm-weather climate. But she knew she had to stick it out because this was her chance: playing for a coach who believed in her and for a team that really needed her.

said for the will of the human spirit."

In Zellous' first season, she helped the Panthers make the WNIT. The next year, Pitt made the NCAA tournament for the first time in program history. Then last season, the Panthers got all the way to the Sweet 16, beating Wyoming and Baylor before falling to eventual national runner-up Stanford.

Pittsburgh lost Mercedes Walker and Mallorie Winn off that team. But the Panthers have Zellous back, along with Sophronia Sallard (who had transferred in 2006 from Kansas) and Xenia Stewart.

However, in the season opener in November against Texas A&M, Pittsburgh lost junior point guard Jania Sims to a knee injury. She had been on the All-Big East freshman team in 2007, but sat out the second semester of her sophomore year because of academic issues.

Berenato expected Sims to be a very big part of the team this season, and the Panthers had a difficult time initially dealing with losing her. But since that opening loss to Texas A&M, Pittsburgh's only other loss was at Florida on Dec. 21. Zellous is averaging 22.2 points and 5.1 rebounds for the 10-2 Panthers.

"We had to go to a point guard by committee, and that's what they're doing," Berenato said. "Right now, I feel we have a special team, and we have very high goals. This is the best chemistry of any team I've ever had."

Oh, and about that Florida game. It was a loss, yes, but a magnificent performance by Zellous. She had a career-high 42 points in her return to her home state.

"I guess I wanted to send a statement: 'Here's what you missed out on,'" she said. "Because Florida didn't recruit me. I felt like it was one of those games where nobody could stop me."

Think of it: In just a few years, Zellous has gone from not really having any idea exactly how basketball would be in her future to a player who Berenato thinks is a surefire pro prospect.

"She's a kid who just loves basketball," Berenato said. "She works hard, and doesn't have a lot of wants and needs. She's very appreciative, the kind who's always grateful. She says it all the time, 'Thanks for having me here.'"

The image is a screenshot of an ESPN website article. At the top, it says "Women's Basketball" in a large, bold font. Below that, there are navigation links for "ESPN Fantasy Sports College: Scores Standings Stats Teams Hoop Gurlz WNBA: Scores Schedule Standings Stat". The main headline is "Lifting Pitt" in a large, bold font. Below the headline is a photograph of Shavonte Zellous in a white Pitt Panthers jersey, dribbling a basketball. To the right of the photo is a small box with the text "WNBA ESPN PARTNER: WNBA.COM" and a list of links: "Vote: Photo of the Year", "Offseason player blogs", and "WNBA Players head overseas". Below the photo is a short paragraph: "Shavonte Zellous is averaging 22.2 points for 10-2 Pitt." and "Coming out of high school, Shavonte Zellous was barely recruited. Now, the 5-foot-10 senior guard from Orlando, Fla., has helped put No. 22 Pitt on the map nationally, led the Panthers to a 10-2 start, and is one of the top players in the game. Mechelle Voepel". At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a small advertisement for "ESPN OUTDOORS DUCK TREK".

"I had to learn so much," Zellous said. "You think you know it all in high school, and then you find out you have a lot to learn."

"You know, when Coach B recruited me, it was about being a part of something and changing the program around. At first, I was like, 'Is this lady crazy? She really thinks this can happen?' But then coming here and seeing the program change, it feels so good to be part of it."

Berenato points out that Pitt's building process has depended on bringing in players regardless of how highly they were rated in recruiting circles.

"We figured, 'We'll get them here and work with them,'" Berenato said. "We'd tell them, 'We can give you playing time.' I think if you let them play, you believe in them and they believe in you, then it doesn't matter how highly you were ranked as a recruit."

"So much has to do with heart. And when you look at our team, that's what it's all about. I think there's a lot to be

Panthers silence top-tier Toppers

Defense puts clamps on Sun Belt champ

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008

By Colin Dunlap, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A quick glance at the starting lineups, and one could deduce -- because of a size disadvantage in the post and on the perimeter -- that the visiting Western Kentucky women's basketball team were in some trouble against Pitt last night.

Just a few trips up the floor, perception manifested into biting reality and the Panthers were on their way to turning the defending Sun Belt Conference champions from non-conference foe to blowout victim.

Playing to its strengths masterfully, Pitt (10-2) rolled to a 93-50 victory against the Lady Hilltoppers (7-5), outrebounding Western Kentucky, 55-33, and limiting them to an icy 18-for-62 shooting from the field.

The win helped Pitt to its 10th victory in 11 games and allowed the Panthers to bounce back from their second loss of the season, when they fell to Florida by seven points Dec. 21.

"We needed to have a presence," Pitt coach Agnus Berenato said. "We felt we had to be big, long, lanky and get

tips and do things like that and I felt like we did those things that we had to do."

Pitt was led by forward Xenia Stewart and guard Shavonte Zellous, who each finished with 17 points and six rebounds and by guard Teneisha Harrison, who scored 13.

While those three -- and reserve post player Kate Popovec, who scored 10 points and had 8 rebounds -- played key roles on offense, Gateway High School product Shayla Scott played stellar on defense, holding Western Kentucky's leading scorer and rebounder, Arnika Brown, to two points and six rebounds.

Brown came in averaging team highs in points (15.5) and rebounds (12.5), with her rebounding mark the second best in the nation.

"We challenged Shayla Scott," Berenato said. "I thought she did a great job on [Brown]. We were able to contain her, and Shayla just really did a great job understanding what she needed to do."

Pitt advanced to a 37-24 halftime advantage, holding Western Kentucky to just a shade above 31 percent from the field and outrebounding the Hilltoppers,

27-18, in the first 20 minutes.

While the Panthers scraped into Western Kentucky in the first half, the opening 5:50 of the second half dashed the Hilltoppers' hopes as Pitt went on a 15-2 run out of the gate. With that spurt, it was effectively over.

"We weren't happy at halftime and I challenged some players," Berenato said. "In the first five minutes, our goal was to go on attack mode and put the dagger into them."

The dagger was firmly planted and left Berenato, in her sixth season in charge of the program, one win short of 100. Since making the move to Pitt from Georgia Tech before the 2003-04 season, Berenato has compiled a 99-68 record.

It was a soured homecoming for Schenley High School graduate Dominique Duck, a senior at Western Kentucky. She started the first nine games of the season for the Hilltoppers but likely saw her season end two weeks ago because of the lingering effects of a knee injury this past offseason.

Panthers out to prove they're no fluke

Thursday, December 25, 2008

By Karen Price, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

Coach Agnus Berenato's instruction to her players after Pitt's six-point loss to No. 10 Texas A&M in the season opener was to let it go.

She told her staff the same thing, and told herself, too.

More than one month and 10 games later, Berenato still hasn't let it go, and she knows she's not the only one.

"It's right there," she said, pointing to her heart. "I know we didn't let that (loss) go, even though I tell them over and over. We haven't. But I do believe that you either get better or you get bitter. We didn't get bitter."

That loss remained the Panthers' only defeat of the season until Sunday, when they dropped a 90-83 decision to No. 20 Florida. In between, they strung together a nine-game winning streak that boosted them to No. 16 heading into Sunday.

But what really matters to Berenato is neither the record (9-2) nor the rankings, but ultimately proving that reaching the Sweet 16 last year was no fluke.

"This year people are saying, 'Gosh, you went to the Sweet 16. Why'd you do that? You set the bar so high, there's no way you're going to be able to get to the Sweet 16 (again), and then, everyone's going to be upset with you,' " Berenato said. "And I'm looking at them going, 'We're planning on going farther.' "

On Dec. 7, Pitt logged what Berenato called a "program-changing" win over then-No.8 Maryland. They had never beaten an opponent ranked as high as Maryland, and it came just nine months after their first-ever victory over a top-10 opponent -- a 64-53 win over No. 9 Notre Dame in the Big East Tournament.

"We really needed a signature win like that to get the word out about Pitt," said Berenato, whose team has one more nonconference game against Western Kentucky on Dec. 30 before opening Big East play against West Virginia on Jan. 4. "And we didn't just beat (Maryland). We beat them soundly."

In that game, Berenato said sophomore guard Shayla Scott became the "X-factor," setting the tone with her play against junior Maryland forward Demauria Liles, while chipping in 13 points -- two of them 3-pointers early in the

game. Against Duquesne in the game before that, the "X-factor" was freshman center Kate Popovec, with 15 points and 12 rebounds.

In many of Pitt's more challenging wins this season, they have benefitted from players helping to ease the pressure on senior guards Shavonte Zellous and Xenia Stewart, as well as fill the holes left by the departure of Mercedes Walker and Mallorie Winn after last season.

Zellous believes it was the game against Texas A&M, when the Panthers lost starting junior point guard Jania Sims to a high-ankle sprain in the first 4 minutes, that drove home the importance of getting key contributions at the right times.

"I think (the loss to Texas A&M) sparked a little something in us," Zellous said. "After losing our point guard, we still could have won the game. I don't think we came together collectively. After that loss, I think that just put a spark in us that we won't let anyone else determine our victory."

Terrapins toppled, 86-57

Second half sprint downs No. 8 Terps

Monday, December 8, 2008

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Shavonte Zellous scored 20 of her 26 points in the second half to lead No. 24 Pitt to an 86-57 upset of No. 8 Maryland in women's basketball yesterday at the Petersen Events Center.

Xenia Stewart had 22 points, Shayla Scott added 13 and Taneisha Harrison had a career-high 12 assists for Pitt (6-1), which won its sixth consecutive game and beat a top-10 opponent for the second time in school history.

"This is the biggest win in our program's history," Panthers coach Agnus Berenato told the crowd after the game.

Kristi Toliver scored 12 points and Lynetta Kizer had 10 for Maryland (7-2), which committed 22 turnovers in losing for the first time since a season-opening defeat at Texas Christian. Pitt converted those turnovers into 26 points, while Maryland produced five. Freshman Kate Popovec led the team with 7 rebounds.

"Pitt just outworked, outhustled and out-competed us for 40 minutes," Maryland coach Brenda Frese said. "All of the

credit goes to Pitt. They did everything right. Everything we did was disappointing because we didn't compete."

Maryland held the upper hand in the first half on all fronts, shooting with nearly double the accuracy despite taking 39 shots to Pitt's 58. Still, Pitt held a narrow lead, 39-32, at the half.

The Panthers surged in the second half. Pitt scored the first six points of the second half behind a free throw from Harrison, a basket from Pepper Wilson, and a 3-pointer from Zellous for a 45-32 lead. In the final 20 minutes they connected on 17 of 29 field-goal attempts, 6 of 9 3-pointers and 7 of 10 free-throw attempts.

Zellous, Pitt's leading scorer for the past two years, a two-time all-Big East player and the recipient of votes in the Associated Press' preseason All-America team, proved she could continue her upward trend with 26 points and 5 defensive rebounds in her 32 minutes on the court.

"We did a better job in the first half of staying with her [Zellous] and doubling her when we could," Maryland guard Sa'de Wiley-Gatewood said. "Once the second half came around though, it was

almost like we let up a little bit and all of a sudden she had 20 points. She's a very good player who can score points in bunches."

The lead changed six times in all, but Pitt's second-half momentum proved to be too much.

"The only thing I can think of is that some of our earlier wins made us overconfident," Frese said. "Perhaps we had the belief that we didn't have to play our best to win, that we didn't have to work and compete for 40 minutes. If anything, I hope this loss showed us that's not the case."

The Panthers handed Maryland its biggest loss since a 74-44 defeat to Duke on March 6, 2005.

"It's great because they're the eighth best team in the country," Berenato said, "and two years ago, this team [Maryland] won the national championship and some of those girls are still on that team. We just believed that we could do it and I'm glad we did.

"I just thought it was an awesome performance."

Pitt women snag historic victory

Monday, December 8, 2008

By Ray Judy, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

The Pitt women's basketball team has notched some impressive wins over the past two seasons, but perhaps the most significant victory came Sunday afternoon.

No. 24 Pitt upset No. 8 Maryland, 86-57, in front of 3,223 at Petersen Events Center yesterday. The Terrapins are the highest-ranked team Pitt has ever beaten.

Maryland reached the Elite 8 last season and is just two years removed from a national title.

"Without a doubt, this was our biggest win," Pitt coach Agnus Berenato said.

Pitt was again led by senior guards Shavonte Zellous and Xenia Stewart. Zellous scored a season-high 26 points, which included four 3-pointers, while Stewart had 22 points on 8-of-11 shooting from the field.

"As seniors, they both stepped up," Berenato said.

The win is Pitt's second against a top-10 program. Last season, Pitt defeated ninth-ranked Notre Dame in the Big East Conference Tournament.

Is Pitt, which has never been ranked higher than 14th, ready to join the nation's elite?

"It doesn't really matter to us," Berenato said. "We're not going to get caught up in the numbers and the rankings."

Regardless of Pitt's outlook on national rankings, voters will find it difficult to ignore the Panthers' dominating performance against Maryland.

Pitt scored 26 points off of 22 Maryland turnovers.

"Pitt outworked, outhustled and outperformed us for 40 minutes," Maryland coach Brenda Frese said.

After six lead changes in an even first half, Pitt took over in the second.

The Panthers shot 66 percent in the second half, while the defense suffocated Maryland's top two scorers -- guard Kristi Tolliver and forward Marrison Coleman. Tolliver, who averaged 17.4 points heading into the game, was held scoreless in the second half. Coleman (15.4 ppg.), scored only two points in the second.

"It wasn't hard," said Pitt sophomore guard Taneisha Harrison, who shut down Tolliver for most of the afternoon

and had a career-high 12 assists. "It was kind of tiring. But I'm in shape, so it doesn't matter to me."

Tolliver and Coleman were benched with significant time left to play.

"I have a short fuse for veterans," Frese said of her two seniors.

But Frese didn't blame the loss solely on lackluster performances from her top players.

"Pitt today was a tremendous team," she said. "They showed why they are such a talented team."

Pitt's only loss this season came against Texas A&M, 56-50, in the opener. Texas A&M still is undefeated (6-0) and is ranked fifth.

Berenato said she won't allow success to cloud her team's focus when Pitt welcomes West Virginia State to Petersen Events Center on Saturday.

"We will prepare for West Virginia State," Berenato said, "just the way we prepared for Maryland."

Panthers stomp Penn State's Lady Lions

Rowdy crowd rallies for interstate rivalry

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

by Paul Zeise, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The Pitt women's basketball team unveiled the "Sweet 16" banner that commemorated the Panthers' run in last year's NCAA tournament last night at the Petersen Events Center before their home opener against Penn State.

The Panthers then made a statement that last year's run wasn't a fluke as they pounded the Lady Lions, 80-59, in what was the most lopsided win by Pitt against Penn State in the history of the series. Pitt's previous largest margin of victory was 17 points (86-69) in 1983.

It was a bit of sweet revenge for the Panthers (2-1), who lost to the Lady Lions last year. It was also a sign that the balance of power in women's basketball in the state has shifted to the west -- this was the second time in three years Pitt has won.

"[Coach Agnus Berenato] was talking to us earlier about how much we love to hate Penn State," said Pitt sophomore forward Shayla Scott, a Gateway graduate who was recruited by both schools. "And that is just one thing we just do because we always hear about Penn State and how they bleed blue and white and all that other stuff. But it is great that we have won now two out of the last three years.

"People are always 'Penn State' this, and 'Penn State' that, so I am glad we can now say 'OK, Pitt this.' "

One thing that is still clear is that a game -- any game -- between Pitt and Penn State will always generate

some extra excitement as the two rival schools have a long history of bitter feuds in football and men's basketball. However, the teams don't play in those two sports anymore, so fans of both schools had to get their only fix of Pitt-Penn State last night.

The rivalry is one reason the Oakland Zoo was filled with a rowdy crowd dressed in gold and sporting their Oakland Zoo shirts -- that group included a cavalcade of Pitt's brightest stars, including the entire men's basketball team, men's basketball coach Jamie Dixon, athletic director Steve Pederson and chancellor Mark Nordenberg. The trio gladly joined in when the students began their jumping routine during a Pitt possession.

In fact, one of the highlights late in the game was when Penn State's crowd began the "We Are, Penn State" routine and were loudly booed by the home crowd, who then began the "Let's Go Pitt" chant.

"Our crowd was amazing, especially the Zoo, which I thought was awesome," Berenato said. "[The appearance of Nordenberg and company], that just shows the sense of camaraderie and support we have here, a lot of our intensity. I thought we had great focus and intensity in the first half and that started with our seniors and our defense led us to our offense and our offense led to our defense."

Penn State (3-1) had some opportunities to keep the game close but came out shooting the ball poorly from the floor and the free-throw line and never really recovered. The Lady Lions made

only two of their first 15 shots and missed seven of their first nine free-throw attempts. By the time they found their touch, the game had gotten away from them.

The Lady Lions are a young team in a bit of a rebuilding state. Dynamic second-year Penn State coach Coquese Washington said it was a good learning experience, given how difficult some of the road games are in the Big Ten Conference.

"I just think with the banner ceremony and [the Panthers] were hyped about coming back home and they were coming off a big win and they shot the ball very well," Washington said. "It was kind of like the perfect storm where they were doing everything right and we were struggling to make any shots and then the score got out of hand. I really think Pitt played tougher and played with a little more energy and tenacity than we did and that's something we can learn from.

"We won't shoot this poorly in every game."

One other highlight for Pitt was senior Xenia Stewart, who scored 17 points and became the 16th player in school history to score 1000 points. Pitt also got big nights from senior Shavonte Zellous (23 points), and freshman Pepper Wilson added 10 rebounds and four blocked shots. Tyra Grant had 20 points and seven rebounds to lead the Lady Lions.

Pitt women's picked fifth in the Big East

Thursday, October 23, 2008

By John Grupp, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

NEW YORK -- Pitt, coming off its first-ever trip to the Sweet Sixteen, was picked to finish fifth in the Big East in voting by the league coaches at the annual Big East women's basketball media day today in Manhattan.

West Virginia, which lost 11 letterwinners from a 25-8 NCAA Tournament team, was selected ninth.

Panthers senior guard Shavonte Zellous was a unanimous selection to the 11-player 2008-preseason all-Big East team. Connecticut was an overwhelming favorite to win the title, garnering 14 of a possible 16 first-place votes. Rutgers, Louisville and Notre Dame rounded out the top four.

Sophomore forward Maya Moore of Connecticut, the pre-season player of the year, is one of three Huskies to make the all-league team. April Sykes of Rutgers was named the rookie of the year.

2008-09 Big East Women's Basketball Coaches Poll

1. Connecticut (14) 224
2. Rutgers (1) 201
3. Louisville (1) 200
4. Notre Dame 182
5. Pittsburgh 162
6. Syracuse 156
7. Marquette 147
8. DePaul 132
9. West Virginia 109
10. Villanova 85
11. Georgetown 77
12. USF 76
13. St. John's 66
14. Seton Hall 40
15. Cincinnati 33
16. Providence 30

First-place votes in parentheses

2008-09 Pre-season All-Big East team

Maya Moore (player of the year), so., F, Connecticut
Candyce Bingham, sr., F, Louisville
Tina Charles, jr., C, Connecticut
Krystal Ellis, sr., G, Marquette
Shantia Grace, sr., G, USF
Chandrea Jones, sr., G, Syracuse
Angel McCoughtry, sr., F, Louisville
Renee Montgomery, sr., G, Connecticut
Epiphanny Prince, jr., G, Rutgers
Kia Vaughn, sr., C, Rutgers
Shavonte Zellous, sr., G, Pitt

2008-09 Preseason all-Big East Honorable Mention

Laura Kurz, sr., F, Villanova
Deirde Naughton, jr., G, DePaul
Lindsay Schrader, sr., G, Notre Dame

2008-09 Big East Preseason Player of the Year

Maya Moore, so., F, Connecticut

2008-09 Big East Preseason Rookie of the Year

April Sykes, G/F, Rutgers

Zellous Stepping Into Starting Role

By Kevin Gorman
TRIBUNE-REVIEW
Friday, October 17, 2008

The first question that faced Pitt women's basketball coach Agnus Berenato was the obvious one: How will the Panthers replace the fourth-leading scorer and top rebounder in school history?

Her answer was just as predictable.

"I don't know that you do replace Mercedes Walker," Berenato said Thursday at Pitt basketball media day. "Obviously, she was a great talent. She really was the person who put this program on her back. She took us where we went, which was the (NCAA) Sweet 16."

The reality is that while Walker served as the program's building block, the Panthers return their leading scorer in fifth-year senior shooting guard Shavonte Zellous, a two-time first-team All-Big East selection and All-America candidate who averaged 18.2 points a game last season.

Zellous now has the green light to shoot the ball.

"It's different," Berenato said. "Last year, we were going to look for Big Girl. You looked for somebody like Mercedes because of her presence. For four years, she earned that right."

"This year, our guards have earned that right."

Thus, Pitt is focusing not on the loss of Walker and guard Mallorie Winn, but the return of jet-quick junior point guard Jania Sims, who was ruled academically ineligible for the second half of the season.

Where Walker allowed Pitt to play a post-to-perimeter game, Sims and Zellous will cause the Panthers to turn that gameplan inside-out and play at a more frenetic pace.

"By Jania coming back, with the offense being up-tempo, everybody is going to be surprised," Zellous said. "I don't think people really know how up-tempo we can be. She's going to push the ball, whether we're in front or behind."

The backcourt of Sims, Zellous and senior Xenia Stewart appears set -- although sophomore Taneisha Harrison will figure prominently in the mix -- with the primary position battles coming in the frontcourt.

Sophomore Shayla Scott, junior Sophronia Sallard and freshman Kate Popovec will battle for the starting job at power forward, with 6-foot-3 sophomore Chelsea Cole and 6-6 freshman Shawnice "Pepper" Wilson competing at center.

"I think what we'd like to do is push the ball," Berenato said. "We're going to be able to take that (jump shot) just as well as we take the post shot from the block. ..."

"You have to really pick and choose when you want to be up-tempo. There's definitely a time when you say slow down and use your clock. We will always go with our fast break first."

After a season that included firsts, such as a victory over a top-10 team in Notre Dame and a trip to the third round of the NCAA Tournament, Pitt is poised to take another step and continue its success story.

"We're trying to build on what we did last year," Zellous said. "Some teams might mistake us losing Mercedes Walker -- she was a big factor, a presence on the inside -- (as a sign of a setback), but we have a lot of returning experience. They don't realize what we have this year."

"We're happy teams are underestimating us."

Berenato Receives 3-Year Extension; Coach Credited With Reshaping Program

Friday, October 10, 2008

By Paul Zeise, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Berenato signed a new contract yesterday to stay with the Panthers through the 2015-16 season. Pitt announced yesterday that women's basketball coach Agnus Berenato has received a three-year contract extension which runs through the 2015-16 season.

Financial terms of the deal were not released, though Pitt athletic director Steve Pederson said it includes a raise and puts Berenato in a category that is "competitive" with some of the more successful coaches in terms of salary within the Big East.

"I hope this is my last coaching job. I hope I can finish my career here at the University of Pittsburgh," Berenato said. "This has been a great fit for me and my family, and I absolutely am not looking to go somewhere else, to either rebuild a program or start a program or go to a program that is already building and then continue someone else's legacy. I have no interest in that. I'm happy here.

"I think the university and its administration have shown great loyalty to me and I am a loyal person and I am all about the team, but the team is not just the women's basketball program, but the university, the community and the city. So this is where we want to be and we love it here."

Berenato is entering her sixth season with the Panthers, and she has taken

the program to unprecedented heights.

The Panthers have racked up a long list of firsts: their first Sweet 16 appearance, at least 20 victories for the third consecutive season, back-to-back trips to the NCAA tournament and, last season, earning a rank in both the pre- and postseason.

And she did all of this at a program that, when she arrived, had hit rock bottom and was one of the worst in the Big East, if not the country.

But beyond what she's done on the court, Berenato has also been a champion of academics -- every player who has exhausted her eligibility has graduated -- and community service, and she has helped to grow the popularity of the women's program in terms of attendance and exposure, nationally and locally.

She has also won the Dapper Dan Sportswoman of the Year award twice as well as numerous other awards and citations for her and her team's work with charity and community service projects.

"I can tell you absolutely that she has changed the lives of the young women on this team," Pederson said. "I mean, we love them all and we think they are all great -- but all of them didn't come in exactly on the path that a lot of them have had. I don't know if I know of anyone that works harder than Agnus at all the rest of making sure their student-athletes lives are great."

Berenato's contract extension is the latest in what seems to be a growing trend of trying to promote stability at Pitt within the athletic department, as football coach Dave Wannstedt received a contract extension in December and a few weeks ago Pitt announced a contract extension for men's basketball coach Jamie Dixon.

Pederson said that isn't a coincidence, but rather is a testament to the quality of coaches Pitt has and its commitment to keep them for the long term.

"We have good people here," Pederson said. "The stability of our program is the reason we are successful. Obviously if you don't feel like you have the right people you feel differently about that.

"But when you have great people, you can tell them that all you want, but you also have to let them know in a physical and tangible way that is true and you also have to let the world know that as well. I think that's important."

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NOTES -- Ashlee Anderson, a 5-foot-9 guard from Whitney Young High School in Illinois, recently made a verbal commitment to the Panthers. She chose Pitt over DePaul, Boston College and Oklahoma State.

