

STEVE HIGH, HEAD COACH

Steve High enters his 17th season as head women's basketball coach at Pittsburg State University.

During his successful tenure, High has become the winningest coach in the 31-year history of the PSU program, with a .619 winning percentage and 274 total victories, and has turned the Gorillas into a perennial contender for MIAA championships and NCAA Division II National Tournament berths.

Since coming to Pittsburg State in 1989, High has guided the Gorillas to an overall record of 274-188 (.619) and 159-111 (.588) in Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association games – generally considered to be one of the top NCAA Division II women's basketball conferences in the nation.

High twice has led PSU to MIAA regular season titles. In 1991-92 his third Gorilla squad went 14-2 to capture the MIAA title; the 1995-96 team went 12-4 to share the title with Central Missouri and Missouri-Rolla. High also has guided the Gorillas to five NCAA Division II National Tournament appearances, the latest being in 1998.

PSU's success since High's arrival has resulted in one of the most loyal fan followings among the nation's Division II schools. Over the past 14 seasons (202 games) the Gorillas have played in front of 225,868 fans in games at John Lance Arena, the home of Gorilla basketball. That average of 1,118 fans per game is one of the better marks in all of women's college basketball. Such strong support has resulted in a notable home-court advantage for the Gorillas. During that 14-year span PSU has posted a 144-45 overall record (.761).

High became PSU's fifth women's basketball coach on April 24, 1989, after serving as assistant women's basketball coach for three seasons at the University of Nebraska. While High was at Lincoln, the Lady Huskers went from seventh in the Big Eight to



winning its first and only league title and a first-ever berth in the NCAA Division I National Tournament.

In his first year as a college head coach, High directed a PSU basketball team that was making the transition from the NAIA to NCAA Division II ranks. PSU posted a 13-14 overall record that season, including a 5-11 MIAA mark. High also played an integral role that year in PSU's adopting the "Gorillas" as the official mascot for PSU women's athletics.

The Gorillas qualified for the MIAA post-season tournament in High's second year as head coach in 1990-91, when the Gorillas went 11-14, 8-8 in the MIAA. In the tournament's first round, PSU was narrowly defeated, 81-74, by eventual NCAA Division II national runner-up Southeast Missouri.

In 1991-92 PSU won its first MIAA regular season title with a 14-2 mark and High was named the MIAA Co-Coach of the Year. PSU earned its first trip to the NCAA Division II National Tournament that year, after the Gorillas reached the MIAA tournament finals. PSU finished the season with a school-record 22 wins, posting a 22-9 record.

PSU followed up its conference title with a 21-7 record and its second straight berth in the NCAA Division II

playoffs in 1992-93. After going 12-4 in the MIAA, the Gorillas advanced to the semifinals of the MIAA Tournament. In the NCAA-II National Tournament PSU dropped a first-round decision to Missouri Southern.

In 1993-94, High guided a young PSU team – one dominated by 10 freshmen and sophomores – to an 18-9 overall record and a 9-7 mark in the MIAA. The Gorillas fell to Central Missouri in the opening round of the MIAA tournament and narrowly failed to qualify for post-season play.

In 1994-95, the Gorillas returned to post-season play in record-breaking fashion. PSU opened the season by winning its first 10 games, eventually posting a 22-7 record – the program's best-ever single-season winning percentage (.759) – and was ranked as high as No. 2 in Division II in early January. PSU qualified for the NCAA Division II National Tournament but dropped a 99-93 decision to Abilene Christian in the opening round.

In 1995-96, PSU posted a 17-9 overall record and shared the MIAA regular season title with a 12-4 conference mark. The Gorillas dropped a 72-71 decision to Missouri Western at home in the first round of the MIAA tournament and narrowly missed qualifying for the NCAA-II National Tournament.

The 1996-97 season may have been High's most impressive coaching performance. His squad overcame a plethora of injuries to post a 19-10 overall record and qualify for the NCAA National Tournament for the fourth time in six seasons. PSU played the months of January and February with just seven healthy players.

The 1997-98 season brought High a new challenge, as the program returned just one senior. Once again, High and the Gorillas were up to the challenge. PSU posted an 18-11 overall record and a 10-6 MIAA mark. The Gorillas advanced to the MIAA Tournament semifinals with a 76-63

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win over Central Missouri, and that win propelled PSU into the NCAA-II Tournament for the fifth time in seven years, where the Gorillas fell to Central Missouri 69-56.

In 1998-99, the Gorillas were once again stricken by injuries. High led PSU to a 19-8 finish despite having just nine players for the second half of the season. Despite the limitations the Gorillas still finished tied for third in the MIAA, posting an 11-5 conference record.

In 1999-2000, the Gorillas finished 17-10 overall, 10-8 in the MIAA. They dropped a first-round decision to MWSC in the MIAA Tournament.

In 2000-01, the Gorillas posted a 16-11 overall record (10-8 in the MIAA). With starting center Jaimee Bohannon (who was averaging a double-double) out with a season-ending injury, PSU faltered down the stretch, after an 11-3 start, and finished the season with four consecutive losses.

In 2001-02, PSU posted its second consecutive 16-11 overall record, and third straight 10-8 MIAA record. The Gorillas finished fourth in the MIAA standings and ended the season with a heartbreaking loss to fifth-seeded Missouri Southern in the first round of the MIAA Tournament.

In 2002-03, Pitt State posted a 15-13 overall record with an 8-10 MIAA mark. The Gorillas finished sixth in the conference, ending their season with a 64-61 loss to Missouri Western in the MIAA Tournament.

In 2003-04, PSU posted a 12-15 overall record with a 7-11 mark in the MIAA. The Gorillas finished seventh in the league and lost, 71-58, in the first round of the MIAA Tournament to Washburn.

In 2004-05, PSU posted a 18-10 overall record and a 11-7 mark in the MIAA. The Gorillas finished in a tie for fourth place in the league and suffered a 72-70 loss to Missouri Western in the first round of the MIAA Tournament.

Prior to serving as an assistant coach at Nebraska, High was the girls' basketball coach at Linn-Mar High School in Marion, Iowa, for four seasons. He posted a 67-25 overall record at LMHS, leading the team to Iowa's first-ever five-on-five state title. High was named Metro Coach of the Year in 1984 and 1985 and was Conference Coach of the Year in 1985.

In 1991 and 1993 High was selected as one of only 24 floor coaches from around the country to assist in the U.S. Olympic Festival tryouts. He has spoken at numerous coaching clinics and is frequently asked to speak before area service clubs and church groups.

High earned a bachelor of arts degree in physical education from the University of Northern Iowa in 1974. Steve and his wife of 31 years, Anne, have a daughter, Morgan, who recently completed a four-year track & field career at Kansas State University, and a son Taylor, a 2004 graduate of Girard High School who is attending the University of Kansas.

The Highs reside in Girard.



Steve High is the winningest head coach in the 31-year history of the Gorilla Women's Basketball program, compiling a 274-168 overall record.

Coach High's Career Coaching Record

Year	School	W-	L	Pct.	Post-Season Finish
2005	Pittsburg State	18-	10	.642	
2004	Pittsburg State	12-	15	.444	
2003	Pittsburg State	15-	13	.535	
2002	Pittsburg State	16-	11	.593	
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2000	Pittsburg State	17-	10	.630	
1999	Pittsburg State	19-	8	.704	
1998	Pittsburg State	18-	11	.621	NCAA-II Tournament Qualifier
1997	Pittsburg State	19-	10	.655	NCAA-II Tournament Qualifier
1996	Pittsburg State	17-	9	.654	MIAA Co-Champions
1995	Pittsburg State	22-	7	.759	NCAA-II Tournament Qualifier
1994	Pittsburg State	18-	9	.667	
1993	Pittsburg State	21-	7	.750	NCAA-II Tournament Qualifier
1992	Pittsburg State	22-	9	.713	NCAA-II Tournament Qualifier/ MIAA Champions
1991	Pittsburg State	11-	14	.440	
1990	Pittsburg State	13-	13	.481	

16-Year Totals 274-168 .620

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COACH HIGH vs. ALL OPPONENTS

Opponent	W-	L	Last Met	Result	Opponent	W-	L	Last Met	Result
Abilene Christian	3-	4	11-29-03	W, 65-61	New Mexico Highlands	1-	0	12-3-04	W, 78-57
Arkansas-Monticello	2-	0	12-7-96	W, 86-59	North Dakota	1-	0	12-4-92	W, 79-63
Avila	1-	0	12-14-02	W, 92-48	Northeastern State	5-	2	12-4-01	L, 48-60
Cameron	6-	1	11-18-00	W, 67-61	Northern Kentucky	0-	1	12-5-92	L, 62-64
Central Arkansas	1-	0	11-28-92	W, 76-68	Northwest Missouri	17-	9	2-12-05	W, 57-56
Central Missouri	12-	19	1-29-05	L, 63-72	Oklahoma Christian	2-	0	11-21-92	W, 86-82
Central Oklahoma	8-	3	12-10-99	W, 69-52	Oral Roberts	0-	1	11-28-95	L, 53-67
Columbia	1-	1	11-20-04	L, 66-75	Ottawa	1-	0	11-21-96	W, 93-54
Colorado-Colo. Springs	1-	0	11-22-03	W, 72-51	Ozarks, Ark.	1-	0	11-26-93	W, 101-88
Colorado State-Pueblo	1-	0	12-4-04	W, 82-65	Ozarks, Mo.	1-	0	12-1-89	W, 88-86
Culver-Stockton	2-	0	11-19-99	W, 72-48	Ozark Christian	1-	0	11-27-04	W, 93-30
Denver	1-	0	12-2-94	W, 85-63	Panhandle State	3-	0	11-28-03	W, 102-80
Drury	1-	3	12-8-04	L, 55-69	Park, Mo.	1-	0	11-18-89	W, 97-46
East Central (Okla.)	2-	0	11-22-02	W, 84-68	Philander Smith	1-	0	11-23-01	W, 94-65
Eastern New Mexico	1-	0	11-26-04	W, 76-53	Philips, Okla.	1-	0	11-24-95	W, 87-67
Emporia State	8-	18	2-16-05	L, 57-68	Quincy	1-	1	11-22-91	W, 73-69
Evangel	2-	0	11-24-01	W, 73-51	Rockhurst	5-	2	12-11-04	W, 56-51
Fort Hays State	2-	0	12-4-99	W, 69-53	Science & Arts (Okla.)	0-	1	12-9-02	L, 81-86
Friends	1-	0	12-17-94	W, 84-44	Southeast Missouri	0-	5	2-26-91	L, 74-81
Grand Canyon	1-	0	12-1-94	W, 96-65	Southeastern Oklahoma	1-	0	11-29-02	W, 98-82
Grand View, Iowa	0-	1	11-17-89	L, 67-73	Southern Indiana	0-	1	11-15-03	L, 86-91
Hannibal-LaGrange	2-	0	11-24-00	W, 79-55	So. Ill.-Edwardsville	1-	1	11-23-02	W, 82-65
Henderson State	5-	0	11-27-98	W, 84-61	Southern Nazarene	0-	2	1-4-92	L, 50-89
Huston-Tillotson	1-	0	12-2-00	W, 98-43	Southwest Baptist	16-	17	2-19-05	L, 71-81
Indianapolis	1-	0	11-23-91	W, 76-73	Southwestern	1-	0	11-30-96	W, 87-42
John Brown	3-	0	12-7-93	W, 67-55	St. Edward's	1-	1	11-17-01	W, 66-50
Langston	1-	0	12-14-96	W, 65-48	St. Gregory's	1-	0	11-16-01	W, 74-68
Lincoln	18-	0	11-30-02	W, 73-50	St. Mary of the Plains	1-	0	1-6-90	W, 78-65
Lindenwood	1-	0	12-20-97	W, 84-52	Tarleton State	1-	0	11-19-04	W, 72-56
Lyon	1-	0	12-30-95	W, 94-59	Texas A&M-Commerce	3-	1	11-17-00	W, 71-48
MidAmerica Nazarene	1-	0	12-18-99	W, 91-61	Texas A&M-Kingsville	1-	1	12-13-97	L, 72-78
Midwestern State	3-	1	12-18-02	W, 65-57	Truman State	18-	6	2-26-05	W, 70-59
Missouri-Rolla	27-	6	2-5-05	W, 65-49	Washburn	13-	17	2-2-05	L, 46-58
Missouri-St. Louis	13-	4	11-15-04	W, 80-61	Wayland Baptist	0-	1	12-6-91	L, 60-70
Missouri Southern	21-	14	2-23-05	W, 73-64	West Georgia	1-	0	11-28-98	W, 78-64
Missouri Valley	2-	0	11-13-98	W, 67-30	West Texas A&M	0-	2	12-12-97	L, 61-73
Missouri Western	9-	19	3-3-05	L, 70-72	Western New Mexico	1-	0	12-7-91	W, 75-57
Morningside	1-	0	11-25-94	W, 94-76	William Jewell	0-	2	11-26-91	L, 61-74
Nebraska-Kearney	2-	0	12-30-94	W, 80-67					
Nebraska-Omaha	0-	1	12-4-98	L, 67-76					
Newman	2-	0	12-7-89	W, 89-69					

MIAA Opponents in Bold

The High File

Emphasis on Academics

During Steve High's 16-year tenure as head coach at Pittsburg State 92.3 percent of the student-athletes who completed their eligibility in the Gorilla Women's Basketball Program have graduated from the University.

PSU Semester GPAs (Fall '89 - pr.)

Fall 89	3.2843	Fall 98	3.5000
Spring 90	3.4200	Spring 99	3.5000
Fall 90	3.5776	Fall 99	3.5389
Spring 91	3.2291	Spring 00	3.3750
Fall 92	3.5342	Fall 00	3.4952
Spring 93	3.2614	Spring 01	3.5227
Fall 93	3.3939	Fall 01	3.4100
Spring 94	3.3032	Spring 02	3.5340
Fall 94	3.4487	Fall 02	3.6417
Spring 95	3.3270	Spring 03	3.4615
Fall 95	2.9786	Fall 03	3.4460
Spring 96	3.3429	Spring 04	3.0730
Fall 96	3.2895	Fall 04	3.3972
Spring 97	3.0850	Spring 05	3.2691
Fall 97	3.1445	OVERALL GPA AVG.	3.3696
Spring 98	3.3050		

GORILLA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ACADEMIC HONOREES (1992-PRESENT)

2004-05	2001-02	1998-99	1994-95
Magie Apt MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Amanda Davied MIAA All-Academic Team MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Leslie Dudley 3rd-Team CoSIDA Academic All-District VII MIAA All-Academic Team MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Jenny Pracht 1st-Team CoSIDA Academic All-America 1st-Team CoSIDA Academic All-District VII MIAA All-Academic Team
Janelle Klein MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Tami Hennigh MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Jaimee Bohannon MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Renee Brady MIAA All-Academic Team
Nikki Pierce MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Briana Keeton MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Jaime Maurer MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Heather Lundien MIAA All-Academic Team
Kami Scrivner 2nd-Team CoSIDA Academic All-District VII MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Katie Spieker MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Jamie Osborn MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Stacy Randolph MIAA All-Academic Team
Melissa Watkins MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Bethany Turnbull MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Megan Reid MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Amber Sanborn MIAA All-Academic Team
2003-04	2000-01	1997-98	1993-94
Kami Scrivner MIAA All-Academic Team MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Jaimee Bohannon MIAA All-Academic Team MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Leslie Dudley 3rd-Team CoSIDA Academic All-District VII MIAA All-Academic Team MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Shelley Tanking 3rd-Team CoSIDA Academic All-District VII MIAA All-Academic Team
Stephanie Shanline MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Amanda Davied MIAA All-Academic Team MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Jamie Osborn MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Heather Lundien MIAA All-Academic Team
Katie Spieker MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Heidi Call MIAA Presidential Scholar	Megan Reid MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	1992-93
Melissa Watkins MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Loralee Moats MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	1996-97	Dani Fronabarger 1st-Team CoSIDA Academic All-America 1st-Team CoSIDA Academic All-District VII MIAA All-Academic Team
2002-03	Dori Shortt MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Jamie Osborn MIAA All-Academic Team	Peggy Goeckner MIAA All-Academic Team
Amanda Davied 3rd-Team CoSIDA Academic All-District VII MIAA All-Academic Team MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Natalie Stahl MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Megan Reid MIAA All-Academic Team	Angie Peters MIAA All-Academic Team
Ashley Gourley MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Bethany Turnbull MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	1995-96	Susan Petersen MIAA All-Academic Team
Tami Hennigh MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	1999-2000	Jenny Pracht CoSIDA Academic All-America of the Year 1st-Team CoSIDA Academic All-America 1st-Team CoSIDA Academic All-District VII MIAA All-Academic Team	1991-92
Kim Mathews MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Leslie Dudley 3rd-Team CoSIDA Academic All-America 1st-Team CoSIDA Academic All-District VII MIAA All-Academic Team MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll	Heather Lundien MIAA All-Academic Team	Dani Fronabarger 3rd-Team CoSIDA Academic All-America 1st-Team CoSIDA Academic All-District VII MIAA All-Academic Team
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