



# PITTSBURGH

When you talk about the best teams never to win the NCAA Tournament, Pittsburgh deserves to be part of the conversation. Of course, that doesn't mean the Panthers have never won a national championship. But if the 1928 and '30 titles are little consolation to modern Pitt fans frustrated by their team's inability to reach the NCAA Final, they can always take solace in rooting for the Big East team with the most wins since 2002-03—and hope it portends a March Madness breakthrough.

**BEST TEAM: 1927-28** Doc Carlson's squad was the only Pitt team to finish a season with an undefeated record, which earned them the Helms Foundation National Championship (awarded retroactively for the 1900-01 through '40-41 seasons). All-America sophomore Charley "Chuck" Hyatt preserved the perfect campaign on Feb. 18, 1928, when he took a pass from Paul Zehfuss and nailed a last-second basket to defeat Notre Dame, 24-22. It was Pittsburgh's only lead of the game.

**BEST PLAYER: F/C CHARLES SMITH (1984-88)** While Hyatt is the best Panther before 1950, Smith stands tallest as Pitt's best player in the tougher Big East era. The smooth, versatile big man helped return the Panthers to the national spotlight in 1987-88, earning conference Player of the Year honors and leading his team to its first outright

Big East regular-season championship. Smith started all 122 games in his four years, becoming Pitt's all-time leading scorer with 2,045 points.

**BEST COACH: HENRY "DOC" CARLSON (1922-53)** Colorful and innovative, Carlson earned a medical degree from Pitt before playing a season of pro football for the Cleveland Indians. Doc administered oxygen to players on the bench, presumably fueling them to run his figure-8 offense on the court. Whatever works. In 31 years at Pitt, Carlson coached two Helms national title teams (in 1927-28 and '29-30) and guided the Panthers to the NCAA national semifinals in 1941.

**GAME FOR THE AGES:** On Feb. 28, 1940, Pittsburgh defeated Fordham, 57-37, at Madison Square Garden in the first college basketball game to be televised (with a single camera). Same venue, 67 years later: Pitt pulled off a 65-64 overtime thriller over Duke as native New Yorker Levanice Fields drained a three-pointer with 4.7 seconds left.

**HEARTBREAKER:** Many Pitt fans were convinced 2008-09 was their year. The Panthers tied a school record with 31 wins and were seeded No. 1 in the Tournament for the first time. But Villanova dashed those title hopes in the Elite Eight. After Fields' free throws with 5.5 seconds left tied the game at 76, Nova guard Scottie Reynolds hit a floater to send the Panthers packing, 78-76.

**FIERCEST RIVAL:** Pitt's rivalry with West Virginia started on the gridiron in 1895. But the hardwood version of the Backyard Brawl is nearly as colorful.

At WVU in 1948, a Mountaineers fan dumped a bucket of water on Carlson from the balcony. The next year, the coach wore rain gear and Pitt pulled out a last-second OT win that snapped West Virginia's 57-game home winning streak. WVU leads overall, 94-84.

**FANFARE AND HOOPLA:** The Pitt student section is now known as the Oakland Zoo, named after the neighborhood where the school is located. But at the Fitzgerald Field House, the Panthers' former home, the Field House Fanatics cheerfully recorded opponent's losses on fake tombstones.

**FAN FAVORITE: F JEROME LANE (1985-88)** His glass-shattering dunk on Jan. 25 1988, in a home game against Providence sent Pitt fans into a frenzy, delayed the game for 32 minutes, and led to TV analyst Bill Raftery introducing "Send it in, Jerome," to the basketball lexicon.

THE SCHOOLS

CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAS	
1928-30	Charley "Chuck" Hyatt, F
1928	Wallace Reed, G
1933	Don Smith, G
1934, '35	Claire Cribbs, G
1958	Don Hennon, G
2009	DeJuan Blair, C/F
FIRST-ROUND PRO PICKS	
1974	Billy Knight, Indiana (ABA, 6)
1975	Mel Bennett, Virginia (ABA, 9)
1988	Charles Smith, Philadelphia (3)
1988	Jerome Lane, Denver (23)
1994	Eric Mobley, Milwaukee (18)
1999	Vonteego Cummings, Indiana (26)

**PROFILE**  
**University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA**  
**Founded:** 1787  
**Enrollment:** 26,731 (17,181 undergraduate)  
**Colors:** Blue and gold  
**Nickname:** Panthers  
**Current arena:** Petersen Events Center, opened in 2002 (12,508)  
**Previous:** Fitzgerald Field House, 1951-2002 (6,798); Pitt Pavilion 1925-51 (N/A)  
**First game:** 1905  
**All-time record:** 1,413-1,032 (.578)  
**Total weeks in AP Top 20/25:** 203

**Current conference:** Big East (1982- )  
**Conference titles:**  
 Eastern Intercollegiate: 5 (1933, '34, '35 [tie], '36 [tie], '37 [tie])  
 Big East: 5 (1987 [tie], '88, 2002 [tie], '03 [tie], '04)  
**Conference tournament titles:**  
 Eastern Athletic: 2 (1981, '82)  
 Big East: 2 (2003, '08)  
**NCAA Tournament appearances:** 21  
 Sweet 16s (since 1975): 5  
 Final Fours: 1  
**NIT appearances:** 8

**TOP 5**  
 G **Don Hennon** (1956-59)  
 G **Brandin Knight** (1999-2003)  
 F **Billy Knight** (1971-74)  
 F **Charley "Chuck" Hyatt** (1927-30)  
 F/C **Charles Smith** (1984-88)

RECORDS	GAME	SEASON	CAREER
POINTS	45 Don Hennon, vs. Duke (Dec. 21, 1957)	690 Sam Young (2008-09)	2,045 Charles Smith (1984-88)
SCORING AVERAGE		26.0 Don Hennon (1957-58)	24.2 Don Hennon (1956-59)
REBOUNDS	26 Don Virostek, vs. Westminster (1952-53)	444 Jerome Lane (1986-87)	1,342 Sam Clancy (1977-81)
ASSISTS	16 Levanice Fields, vs. DePaul (Feb. 7, 2009); Bob Shrewsbury, vs. South Carolina (Feb. 14, 1976)	270 Levanice Fields (2008-09)	785 Brandin Knight (1999-2003)

SEASON REVIEW											
SEASON	W-L	CONF.	SCORING	COACH	RECORD	SEASON	W-L	CONF.	SCORING	COACH	RECORD
1905-14	56-50					1924-25	4-10			Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1914-15	14-4			Dr. George M. Flint		1925-26	12-5			Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1915-16	15-2			Dr. George M. Flint		1926-27	10-7			Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1916-17	12-6			Dr. George M. Flint		1927-28	21-0		Helms Foundation champion	Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1917-18	5-9			Dr. George M. Flint		1928-29	16-5		Charley "Chuck" Hyatt 14.9	Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1918-19	7-7			Dr. George M. Flint		1929-30	23-2		Helms Foundation champion	Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1919-20	9-6			Dr. George M. Flint		1930-31	20-4			Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1920-21	12-9			Dr. George M. Flint	106-67 .613	1931-32	14-16			Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1921-22	12-8			Andy Kerr	12-8 .600	1932-33	17-5 7-1			Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1922-23	10-5			Henry "Doc" Carlson		1933-34	18-4 8-0			Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1923-24	10-7			Henry "Doc" Carlson		1934-35	18-6 6-2			Henry "Doc" Carlson	

SEAS.	W-L	CONF.	POSTSEASON	SCORING	REBOUNDS	ASSISTS	COACH	RECORD
1935-36	18-9	7-3					Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1936-37	14-7	7-3					Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1937-38	9-12	5-5					Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1938-39	10-8	5-5					Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1939-40	8-9						Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1940-41	13-6		NCAA NATIONAL SEMIFINALS				Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1941-42	5-10						Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1942-43	10-5						Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1943-44	7-7			Tay Malarkey 11.9			Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1944-45	8-4			DoDo Canterna 13.1			Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1945-46	7-7			Hank Zeller 12.2			Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1946-47	8-10			Sam David 9.8			Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1947-48	10-11			DoDo Canterna 11.6			Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1948-49	12-13			Sam David 15.6			Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1949-50	4-14			George McCrossin 13.9			Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1950-51	9-17			Michael Belich 15.9			Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1951-52	10-12			Mickey Zernich 15.2	Don Virostek 8.6	Clarence Burch 6.0	Henry "Doc" Carlson	
1952-53	12-11			Mickey Zernich 13.4	Don Virostek 20.2		Henry "Doc" Carlson	367-248 .597
1953-54	9-14			Clarence Burch 15.8	Ed Pavlick 13.7		Robert Timmons	
1954-55	10-16			Ed Pavlick 23.9	Bob Lazor 12.6		Robert Timmons	
1955-56	15-10			Bob Lazor 19.8	Chuck Hursh 10.3		Robert Timmons	
1956-57	16-11		NCAA REGIONAL SEMIFINALS	Don Hennon 21.2	John Riser 10.5		Robert Timmons	
1957-58	18-7		NCAA FIRST ROUND	Don Hennon 26.0	Chuck Hursh 9.2		Robert Timmons	
1958-59	10-14			Don Hennon 25.7	John Fridley 10.2		Robert Timmons	
1959-60	11-14			John Mills 13.9	John Fridley 10.7		Robert Timmons	
1960-61	12-11			Ben Jinks 13.0	John Fridley 12.5		Robert Timmons	
1961-62	12-11			Calvin Sheffield 18.5	Brian Generalovich 9.2		Robert Timmons	
1962-63	19-6		NCAA FIRST ROUND	Dave Roman 15.0	Paul Krieger 10.4		Robert Timmons	
1963-64	17-8		NIT FIRST ROUND	Calvin Sheffield 16.3	Paul Krieger 8.7		Robert Timmons	
1964-65	7-16			Larry Szykowny 15.8	Bob Lovett 8.0		Robert Timmons	
1965-66	5-17			Larry Szykowny 15.4	Jim LaValley 9.1		Robert Timmons	
1966-67	6-19			Jim LaValley 11.9	Jim LaValley 12.2		Robert Timmons	
1967-68	7-15			Tony DeLisio 12.1	Mike Patcher 5.6		Robert Timmons	174-189 .479
1968-69	4-20			Mike Caldwell 11.6	Mike Patcher 8.7		Charles "Buzz" Ridl	
1969-70	12-12			Kent Scott 16.9	Paul O'Gorek 11.1		Charles "Buzz" Ridl	
1970-71	14-10			Kent Scott 13.6	Paul O'Gorek 10.2	Bill Downes 3.5	Charles "Buzz" Ridl	
1971-72	12-12			Billy Knight 21.0	Billy Knight 11.5	Cleveland Edwards 5.4	Charles "Buzz" Ridl	
1972-73	12-14			Billy Knight 23.7	Billy Knight 11.0	Billy Knight 3.0	Charles "Buzz" Ridl	
1973-74	25-4		NCAA REGIONAL FINALS	Billy Knight 21.8	Billy Knight 13.4	Tom Richards 3.5	Charles "Buzz" Ridl	
1974-75	18-11		NIT QUARTERFINALS	Kirk Bruce 17.1	Mel Bennett 10.2	Keith Starr 6.2	Charles "Buzz" Ridl	97-83 .539
1975-76	12-15			Larry Harris 22.1	Larry Harris 6.4	Bob Shrewsbury 5.7	Tim Grgurich	
1976-77	6-21	1-9		Larry Harris 22.9	Michael Rice 8.0	Pete Strickland 4.3	Tim Grgurich	
1977-78	16-11	5-5		Larry Harris 20.6	Sam Clancy 12.1	Pete Strickland 4.2	Tim Grgurich	
1978-79	18-11	6-4		Sam Clancy 15.4	Sam Clancy 12.5	Pete Strickland 3.8	Tim Grgurich	
1979-80	17-12	5-5	NIT FIRST ROUND	Sammie Ellis 17.4	Sam Clancy 11.1	Dwayne Wallace 4.3	Tim Grgurich	69-70 .496
1980-81	19-12	8-5	NCAA SECOND ROUND	Sam Clancy 16.3	Sam Clancy 10.7	Dwayne Wallace 4.4	Roy Chipman	
1981-82	20-10	8-6	NCAA FIRST ROUND	Clyde Vaughan 18.0	Clyde Vaughan 9.5	Dwayne Wallace 6.2	Roy Chipman	
1982-83	13-15	6-10		Clyde Vaughan 21.9	Clyde Vaughan 9.2	Billy Culbertson 5.1	Roy Chipman	
1983-84	18-13	6-10	NIT QUARTERFINALS	Clyde Vaughan 21.0	Clyde Vaughan 8.3	Billy Culbertson 5.5	Roy Chipman	
1984-85	17-12	8-8	NCAA FIRST ROUND	Charles Smith 15.0	Charles Smith 8.0	Curtis Aiken 4.2	Roy Chipman	
1985-86	15-14	6-10	NIT FIRST ROUND	Demetres Gore 16.1	Charles Smith 8.1	Joey David 3.6	Roy Chipman	102-76 .573
1986-87	25-8	12-4	NCAA SECOND ROUND	Charles Smith 17.0	Jerome Lane 13.5	Mike Goodson 4.8	Paul Evans	
1987-88	24-7	12-4	NCAA SECOND ROUND	Charles Smith 18.9	Jerome Lane 12.2	Sean Miller 5.8	Paul Evans	
1988-89	17-13	9-7	NCAA FIRST ROUND	Brian Shorter 19.6	Brian Shorter 9.6	Sean Miller 6.0	Paul Evans	
1989-90	12-17	5-11		Brian Shorter 20.6	Brian Shorter 9.6	Darelle Porter 7.9	Paul Evans	
1990-91	21-12	9-7	NCAA SECOND ROUND	Jason Matthews 16.5	Brian Shorter 6.4	Darelle Porter 5.1	Paul Evans	
1991-92	18-16	9-9	NIT SECOND ROUND	Chris McNeal 14.5	Chris McNeal 9.1	Sean Miller 6.6	Paul Evans	
1992-93	17-11	9-9	NCAA FIRST ROUND	Jerry McCullough 15.3	Chris McNeal 8.5	Jerry McCullough 5.6	Paul Evans	
1993-94	13-14	7-11		Eric Mobley 13.7	Eric Mobley 8.8	Jerry McCullough 7.0	Paul Evans	147-98 .600
1994-95	10-18	5-13		Jaime Peterson 13.9	Jaime Peterson 9.4	Andre Alridge 5.8	Ralph Willard	
1995-96	10-17	5-13		Jerry McCullough 13.4	Chad Varga 6.3	Jerry McCullough 5.3	Ralph Willard	
1996-97	18-15	10-8	NIT SECOND ROUND	Vonteego Cummings 16.3	Mark Blount 6.8	Vonteego Cummings 4.2	Ralph Willard	
1997-98	11-16	6-12		Vonteego Cummings 19.5	Isaac Hawkins 9.2	Vonteego Cummings 5.9	Ralph Willard	
1998-99	14-16	5-13		Vonteego Cummings 16.1	Isaac Hawkins 8.9	Vonteego Cummings 4.3	Ralph Willard	63-82 .434
1999-2000	13-15	5-11		Ricardo Greer 18.1	Ricardo Greer 9.8	Brandin Knight 5.5	Ben Howland	
2000-01	19-14	7-9	NIT SECOND ROUND	Ricardo Greer 18.6	Isaac Hawkins 7.9	Brandin Knight 5.5	Ben Howland	
2001-02	29-6	13-3	NCAA REGIONAL SEMIFINALS	Brandin Knight 16.1	Jaron Brown 6.1	Brandin Knight 7.2	Ben Howland	
2002-03	28-5	13-3	NCAA REGIONAL SEMIFINALS	Julius Page 12.2	Chevon Troutman 5.1	Brandin Knight 6.3	Ben Howland	89-40 .690
2003-04	31-5	13-3	NCAA REGIONAL SEMIFINALS	Carl Krauser 15.4	Chris Taft 7.5	Carl Krauser 4.5	Jamie Dixon	
2004-05	20-9	10-6	NCAA FIRST ROUND	Carl Krauser 16.0	Chevon Troutman 8.0	Carl Krauser 5.9	Jamie Dixon	
2005-06	25-8	10-6	NCAA SECOND ROUND	Carl Krauser 15.0	Aaron Gray 10.5	Carl Krauser 4.8	Jamie Dixon	
2006-07	29-8	12-4	NCAA REGIONAL SEMIFINALS	Aaron Gray 13.9	Aaron Gray 9.5	Levance Fields 4.5	Jamie Dixon	
2007-08	27-10	10-8	NCAA SECOND ROUND	Sam Young 18.1	DeJuan Blair 9.1	Levance Fields 5.3	Jamie Dixon	
2008-09	31-5	15-3	NCAA REGIONAL FINALS	Sam Young 19.2	DeJuan Blair 12.3	Levance Fields 7.5	Jamie Dixon	163-45 .784