The Matchup: Point Park (6-6, 2-1 KIAC) hosts Brescia (Ky.) (5-4, 0-0 KIAC) for a KIAC men’s basketball game at CCAC-South Gym in West Mifflin, Pa.

On-Air: Today's Game is broadcast Live on the Point Park Sports Network with streaming video and on MSAsports.net with an audio-only simulcast. Live Stats available at http://livestats.pointpark.edu

The Series: Point Park is 1-1 all-time versus Brescia with the home team winning both meetings last year. Point Park lost at Brescia, 94-93 (OT), Dec. 1 and beat the Bears, 97-84, at home Dec. 30.

Of Note: With a win today, Point Park can go into the holiday break as the KIAC leader in conference wins by improving to 3-1 KIAC. Brescia will look to start its KIAC schedule with a victory.

POINT PARK UNIVERSITY PIONEERS (6-6, 2-1 KIAC)

Team Notes: The Pioneers are .500 overall at 6-6. They’ve had their ups and downs as a streak team that has also dealt with plenty of injuries. Point Park started out 0-2, won five of its next six, then lost two in a row. Point Park will be looking to put together another win today and be 3-1 KIAC for break.

Last Game: Point Park lost at NAIA DII #25 Lourdes, 92-88, in OT Wednesday night. The Pioneers were down 16 in the first half but battled back to force OT. Gabe McNeal had 28, Nick Brown 26.

Player Notes: G Gabe McNeal (24.0 ppg) and F Nick Brown (20.6 ppg, 9.0 rpg) give the Pioneers two of the top five scorers in the KIAC. McNeal is 2nd, and Brown is 5th. G/F Matt Noszka (15.2, 8.5 rpg) is next in scoring, and the Pioneers have all five starters averaging double figures.

16th-ranked offense: Point Park ranks 16th in NAIA DII in scoring offense averaging 89.8 points per game. The Pioneers have gone over 100 points four times and over 90 points seven times in 12 games.

Point Park Defense: The Pioneers give up 88.8 ppg to rank 212 of 132 teams in NAIA DII, but they’ve played good ’D’ at times such as the last game at Lourdes, the No. 3 defense in the country.

Working Overtime: With a short bench due to injuries, the Pioneers had starters Gabe McNeal, Nick Brown, Matt Noszka and Alan Heter play all 45 minutes of regulation and OT in the loss at Lourdes.

Injury Report: G Robbie Heatherington (foot) was a late scratch at Lourdes and did not play. He is a game-time decision today. T.J. Lanier (ankle) will be out for the 11th game, as will Kyerell Scott (ankle).

McNeal Milestone: G Gabe McNeal has surpassed 1,000 career points in his college basketball career with 28 at Lourdes. He has 1,020 career points with 707 at PPU, 282 at Cecil CC and 31 at Shaw (N.C.).

Break Time: The Pioneers have time to rest with some off time. The next game is three weeks from today, Jan. 4 at No. 4 IU Southeast (5-3). It is a part of a weekend trip that includes at Brescia Jan. 5.

NAIA DII Stats: Heatherington ranks 5th in NAIA DII with 6.8 assists per game. McNeal is 12th in the nation in scoring at 24.0 ppg. Brown is 23rd in the country with 9.0 rebounds per game.

Brescia (Ky.) University Bearcats (5-4, 0-0 KIAC)

Team Notes: The Bearcats are 5-4 overall, and they lost three of their last four after starting out 4-1. Brescia lost its last game at home to Centre (Ky.), 81-62. Point Park lost to Centre on a neutral court, 8-76. Brescia takes care of the ball well ranking 3rd in NAIA DII in turnover margin (+6.8) and 8th in assist to turnover ration (+1.5). Brescia shoots 47% from the field and allows opponents to shoot 45%.

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Assistant coach: Gabe Bubon (Point Park ’00), 10th season

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Head coach: Josh Gibson, 2nd season, Record at Brescia: 15-24.
Assistant coaches: Lionel Bridges, 6th season; Mike Gray, 5th season; Eric Schneider, 1st season

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Assistant coach: Bob Rager (Point Park ’74), 25th season. Career Record: 343-330 (all at Point Park)

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BRESCIA (KY.) UNIVERSITY BEARS (5-4, 0-0 KIAC)

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