Point Park hosts NAIA Division II No. 19 Cincinnati Christian for a KIAC home game. It is the second meeting between the teams this year and a rematch of the Dec. 6 home game won by Point Park, 75-71. But defending KIAC Tournament champion CCU has won nine games in a row since that defeat to run its record to 14-5 overall and is back in the NAIA DII Top 25 where it was in the preseason at No. 19 in the country. Point Park is 10-7 overall and can match last year’s win total with a win tonight. Unlike the Dec. 6 meeting, tonight’s game is a KIAC contest. Both teams have won two conference games in a row with Point Park at 2-2 KIAC after an 0-2 start and CCU unblemished at 2-0 KIAC. CCU is coming off a strong win on Saturday over Asbury (Ky.), 70-56.

The home team has won every meeting in the Point Park-CCU series, which is tied at 3-3 all-time beginning in 2012-13, the year Point Park joined the KIAC. The Pioneers have won the last two matchups, which included an 82-68 home win at the end of last regular season. CCU will try to avoid three straight losses to PPU tonight.

### Point Park (10-7, 2-2 KIAC) vs. #19 CCU (14-5, 2-0 KIAC)

**Series Record:** Tied, 3-3. Last Meeting: PPU, 75-71, at Home Dec. 6, 2014

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**Scouting CCU:** The Eagles are the hottest team in the KIAC and one of the hottest in NAIA DII with their nine wins in a row. A streaky team, CCU started out 5-0, but its loss at PPU Dec. 6 was its fifth in a row. Now the Eagles ride a nine-game win streak into tonight, one that has them shooting the lights out of late. CCU’s hot shooting has its up to No. 3 in the nation in 3-point FG percentage at 42.3 percent as a team, which leads the KIAC. CCU is also very good at the foul line ranking 11th in the country at 75.4% and 19th in the nation in field-goal percentage at 48.0%. Guard Mitch McLeish is the leads a group of sharp shooters with 14.6 ppg and 46% from long range. Forward Kenny Gaynor is the top rebounder. Willie McKinney, a 6-7 forward averaging 14.0 ppg, has been out since being injured Dec. 6 at Point Park.

**Up Next:** The Pioneers travel to Brescia (Ky.) this Friday for a KIAC road game at 7 p.m. CT.
### POINT PARK UNIVERSITY PIONEERS ROSTER

#### Pos. Ht. Wt. Cl.  
- 00 Jerahme Williams G 5-9 170 Jr.  
- 03 Barry Smith G/F 6-6 180 Sr.  
- 10 Alan Heter F 6-7 215 Sr.  
- 11 Jerrad Tuile G 5-10 175 Fr.  
- 14 T.J. Lanier G/F 6-6 200 Jr.  
- 20 Corey Henning G 5-8 165 Sr.  
- 21 Terrence Hall G 6-1 200 Jr.  
- 22 Yandelis Dennis G/F 6-4 200 Jr.  
- 23 Art Christian G/F 6-2 195 So.  
- 30 Brandon Camic G 6-3 205 So.  
- 40 Alex Schaffer G 6-1 170 Fr.  
- 42 Cameron Harbaugh G 6-0 185 Fr.  
- 45 Miles Bennett G 6-1 200 Fr.  
- 50 Fred Webb G 6-0 195 So.  

**Head coach:** Bob Rager (Point Park ’74), 26th season  
**Assistant coach:** Gabe Bubon (Point Park ’00), 11th year

### POINT PARK MEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON STATS — Through games Jan. 10

#### RECORD: OVERALL HOME AWAY NEUTRAL  
**ALL GAMES** (16-16) (5-2) (34-4) (2-0)  
**CONFERENCE** (2-2) (1-0) (1-2) (0-0)  
**NON-CONFERENCE** (8-4) (2-2) (0-0)  

#### TEAM COMPARISON  
- **PPG (Margin):** 77.0 (+81)  
- **FG:** .480  
- **OPP. FG:** .458  
- **3PT FG:** .423 (170-402) .355 (157-442)  
- **FT:** .754  
- **RPG (Margin):** 35.3 (+3.3)  
- **APG:** 14.4  
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