POINT PARK WOMEN’S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES – Feb. 8 at IU East

(RV) Point Park University Pioneers (20-3, 7-2 KIAC) at IU East (16-10, 6-4 KIAC)
Sunday, Feb. 8 at 1 p.m. ET (Earham College) / ON-AIR: Point Park Sports Network
All-Time Series: First Meeting (IU East in first year of women’s basketball)

Point Park goes on its third KIAC road trip this season for a single game against KIAC North opponent IU East. These two teams also play Feb. 21 at Point Park, which will serve as Senior Day at CCAC South.

Overview: The Pioneers have won 20 of 23 games on the year and have a 9-2 overall record since the start of the calendar year 2015. Point Park returns four of five starters from last season’s 29-5 team that made the NAIA DII National Tournament for a third consecutive season. Coach Tony Grenek consistently uses his bench as evidenced by 10 active players averaging at least 10 minutes per game and eight active players scoring at least four points per game.

On the Road: Point Park is 12-2 and 5-1 in KIAC road games. Point Park went 1-1 in its first KIAC road trip losing Jan. 3-4 with a 66-64 to Asbury University (Jan. 3) and a win at Alice Lloyd College, 95-59 (Jan. 4). It then beat Rio Grande, 74-70, on Jan. 7. In their second KIAC road trip, the Pioneers won 94-78 against Brescia (Jan. 23) and 77-69 at Midway (Jan. 24). Point Park won earlier this week at Carlow 75-64 (Feb. 3), good for its fifth KIAC road victory. The Pioneers saw their eight-game winning streak end Jan. 30 against KIAC South opponent IU Southeast by a 65-63 score on Jan. 30.

Last game: Point Park won a road contest at KIAC opponent Carlow, 75-64, on Tuesday, Feb. 3. Sophomore guard Kelly Johnson scored a career-high of 33 points on 13 of 21 shooting. Johnson’s previous high point total was 31, which occurred Nov. 14 against Pitt-Johnstown. Sophomore forward Carly Forse scored 18 points, her first time scoring in double figures since Jan. 7 at Rio Grande. Junior forward J’a’Nia McPhatter had nine points and nine rebounds. The Pioneers shot 56.7 percent in the first half of the contest.

NAIA DII Top 25 Poll: In the most recent poll, Point Park fell out of the Top 25 and back into the “others receiving votes” section. After being ranked in a tie for No. 23 with Madonna, a team the Pioneers defeated by 19 points Nov. 7 in a road contest, the Pioneers dropped out this week and come in at No. 27 overall and thus the second team receiving votes. Fellow KIAC North school Rio Grande is also receiving votes towards the poll earning the 31st ranking. There have been seven regular-season polls in addition to one preseason poll thus far, and Point Park has been at least “receiving votes” each time.

Head Coach: Tony Grenek (IUP ’94) is in his fourth year at Point Park. His record of 97-22 (.815) at the school gives him the all-time record for coaching wins in program history. He passed Ed Meena, who won 81 games, for the record with the Nov. 24 victory at Washington Adventist.

NAIA D-II Statistics: Point Park ranks in the Top-10 in a number of different statistics. The Pioneers are second in 3-point field-goal defense (23.9), third in turnover margin (+8.18), sixth in assist/turnover ratio (+1.124), eighth in steals per game (13.045) and total steals (287), ninth in defensive rebounds per game (30.955) and scoring offense per game (81.955).

KIAC Preseason Poll: Point Park was picked 1st of 5 teams in the KIAC North Division in the KIAC Preseason Coaches’ Poll (Oct. 22). The conference goes to a North and South Division for the first time with five teams in the North and six in the South.

Scouting IU East: This is IU East’s first season as a women’s basketball program. A very fast paced team, the Red Wolves average 87.5 points per game while also allowing 81.8 points per game. The offense is prolific as evidenced by its 2100 total points, which is ranked second in all of NAIA D-II while the aforementioned 87.5 ppg average ranks third. While IU East does allow its fair share of points, it does use active hands on defense ranking seventh with 288 total steals. The Red Wolves shoot 73.9 percent from the free throw line which is 10th. Mackenzie Campbell is 104-115 from the line – a 90.4 percent clip which ranks second. Campbell also is shooting 43.2 percent from three point range which ranks her seventh. The Red Wolves are coached by Tiffani Selhorst, whose most recent coaching experience before accepting the head coaching role at IU East was an assistant coach at Saint Francis University (PA), an NCAA D-I program. Selhorst had an overall record of 109-84 in her time as an NCAA D-I assistant.
Point Park University Milestone Watch: (All numbers reflect time at Point Park only)

**Ja’Nia McPhatter needs**
- 5 rebounds for 400
- 7 made free throws for 150
- 2 steals for 100
- 108 points for 1,000 career (had 188 career points at LaRoche ’11-’12)

**Alexa Xenakis needs**
- 16 points for 600

**Carly Forse needs**
- 5 points for 550

**Kayla Kriau needs**
- 6 points for 500

**Kelly Johnson needs**
- 2 points for 400
- 6 assists for 100

**Celina DiPietro needs**
- 11 points for 250
- 7 made field goals for 100
- 3 made three pointers for 50

**Natasha Moss needs**
- 9 points for 150

**Vianka Cotton needs**
- 2 rebounds for 100

**Baylee Buleca needs**
- 6 rebounds for 50
- 5 made field goals for 50

**Shaniya Rivers needs**
- 5 rebounds for 50
- Overall statistics
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