#22 Point Park (10-1, 0-0 KIAC) vs. Alderson Broaddus (2-6, 0-1)

Point Park hosts NCAA Division II Alderson Broaddus for a non-conference game at CCAC-South, the last game for the Pioneers before the holiday break. This is the first meeting between the schools, which has Point Park 10-1 overall and ranked No. 22 in NAIA Division II and Alderson Broaddus at 2-6 overall. Point Park has won six in a row while Alderson Broaddus is 2-2 its last four games to get back in the right direction after an 0-4 start. The Pioneers and Battlers have two common opponents with similar results. Alderson Broaddus beat Washington Adventist, 59-36, and Point Park is 2-0 vs. WAU. Both teams lost to Davis & Elkins, AB by a score of 70-67.

**Point Park Team Notes**

**Overview:** The Pioneers are unbeaten in their last six games and are perfect 3-0 at home this year to run their record to 10-1 overall. This is the second-best showing in program history through 11 games, bested only by last year’s team that started out 14-0. Point Park is one of just 11 teams in NAIA DII that has one loss or less and its winning percentage of .909 is tied for eighth in the country. The Pioneers are 39-6 since the start of last year to place among the national leaders for most victories in that time period.

**Last Game:** Won, 79-57 at NCAA D-III No. 22 Westminster on Dec. 16. Ja’Nia McPhatter continued her strong play with 15 points, Natasha Moss had 14 points on 3 of 5 from long range, and Alexa Xenakis scored 12 points with two treys. The Pioneers defense forced 28 turnovers for the game and outscored WC, 39-23, the 2nd Half.

**NAIA DII Top 25:** Point Park is ranked No. 22 in the latest NAIA DII Top 25 Poll from Dec. 9. There will not be another ranking until Jan. 6, before which the Pioneers will have played six games since the last poll. PPU is 3-0 so far this rating period, which also includes Alderson Broaddus today and at Asbury and Alice Lloyd Jan. 3-4. Alderson Broaddus was ranked for much of the last three years and is 21-6 all-time when playing as ranked team.

**Head Coach:** Tony Grenek (IUP '94), fourth season. Career Record: 87-20 (.813) 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, 2014 victory at Washington Adventist.

**Key Players:** Point guard Kelly Johnson leads the active players with 15.6 ppg and 4.5 apg. Three other starters are averaging just below double figures with G/F Ja’Nia McPhatter (9.5 ppg), G Kayla Kriau (9.2 ppg) and F Alexa Xenakis (8.2 ppg). Point Park is one of just 11 teams in NAIA DII that has one loss or less and its winning percentage of .909 is tied for eighth in the country. The Pioneers are 39-6 since the start of last year to place among the national leaders for most victories in that time period.

**Weir Injury:** Sophomore C Sam Weir (18.6 ppg, 8.6 rpg) remains out indefinitely with a knee injury she suffered in practice Nov. 21. The Pioneers have pulled together to get 6-0 since losing their leading scorer and rebounder, but they are currently being out-rebounded for the season by a minus-2.7 margin without their center.

**Home Cooking:** Point Park is 39-5 in home games under coach Tony Grenek (since 2011-12). The Pioneers have won 20 straight non-conference home games and are 21-1 under Grenek in such contests.

**NAIA DII Statistics:** The Pioneers rank third in NAIA DII in turnover margin (+8.5), sixth in points per game (63.8), eighth in steals per game (13.7), sixth in steals in game (13.7), eighth in assists per game (18.1), ninth in rebounds per game (47.1), 11th in assist to turnover ratio (+1.1), 16th in 3-point FG pct. defense (25.2) and 17th in scoring margin (+16.5).

**NAIA DII Wins Leaders:** With a record of 39-6 since 2013-14, Point Park ranks fifth in the country for most victories since the start of last year. The Pioneers were 29-5 last year and rank behind only St. Francis (Ind.) (48-3), Davenport (Mich.) (44-3), Morningides (Iowa) (42-7) and Oregon Tech (40-8) for most wins since then.

**Up Next:** Point Park is not in action again after today until Jan. 3-4 for the start of KIAC play at Asbury (Ky.) (9-1) and Alice Lloyd (Ky.) (4-8). Asbury is “receiving votes” in the NAIA DII Top 25 and lost to Point Park in the last two KIAC Tournament championship games. Asbury is the KIAC South Division favorite. ALC was picked third.

**Scouting AB:** Alderson Broaddus was 4-23 last year and is under first-year coach Steve Tiemyer, who was 135-111 as the head coach at West Virginia Wesleyan for eight years. Junior G/F Rachel Ashely is the leading scorer at 12.4 ppg and is a transfer from Fairmont State. G Jordan Parker averages 10.1 ppg. The Battlers shoot 36 percent from the field but 39 percent from 3-point range. AB averages 59 points per game and gives up 69.
## #22 POINT PARK UNIVERSITY PIONEERS (10-1, 0-0 KCAC)

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**Head coach:** Tony Grenek (IUP ’94), fourth season.  Career Record: 87-20 (.813)

**Assistant coaches:** Brittany Dumuirre (Point Park ’13), second season; April Austin (Point Park ’13), first season

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**Head Coach:** Steve Tiemey, 1st season  **Assistant Coach:** Anthony Fairhurst

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