Point Park Pioneers (19-4, 10-3 KIAC) vs. Berea (Ky.) College Mountaineers (9-15, 5-6)

TONIGHT’S MATCHUP:
Point Park hosts Berea (Ky.) for a KIAC game on Senior Day. The Pioneers have just two KIAC games left and can wrap up the KIAC Regular Season Title and the No. 1 seed in the playoffs with a win today and at Carlow on Feb. 15. Point Park won at Berea, 62-41, in the previous meeting between the teams. It was the second-lowest point total given up this year by the Pioneers, who have the top defense in the KIAC. Emily Schartner had 14 points, and Ja’Nia McPhatter 11 and 12 reb.

POINT PARK UNIVERSITY PIONEERS (19-4 overall, 10-3 KIAC)
The Skinny: The Pioneers have won seven in a row and 15 of 17 since Nov. 30 as one of the hottest teams in NAIA DII. Defense has been a key to Point Park’s success as it has held all seven opponents under 54 points during its current win streak. Point Park leads the KIAC by 1.5 games.

Last Time Out: Point Park beat Daemen, 54-52, on April Austin’s 3-pointer with 0.4 seconds left on Feb. 1. Austin had 15 points, and Ja’Nia McPhatter added 21 points and 12 rebounds.

Key Players: Point Park has used the same starting lineup since mid-December and has won 10 of 11 games. Key starters include April Austin (10.2 ppg), Terresa Davis (9.6 ppg), G/F Teresa Davis (9.6) and G/F Katresa Savisky (8.9) are all capable of a big game.

Key Stats: Defense, rebounding and ball control are the Pioneers’ strengths as they rank in the Top 20 in NAIA DII in scoring defense (16th, 57.3 ppg), rebounding (19th, 42.6 rpg) and turnover margin (13th, +4.4).

RV in NAIA DII Top 25: The Pioneers moved up 5 spots to No. 29 in this week’s NAIA DII Top 25. They are currently tied for 5th in the KIAC standings at 5-6.

Point Park’s KIAC home playoff game on Feb. 23 will tipoff at 2 p.m. The Pioneers have clinched at least a top-4 finish in the KIAC and the playoff home game that goes with it.

Berea struggles on offense as it is 8th of 9 teams in the KIAC in scoring at 55.8 ppg. Defense, specifically rebounding, will be key for Point Park.

Play 4Kay: The Pioneers and their fans raised $3,457 for its Play 4Kay Game Feb. 1 vs. Daemen. All proceeds went to the WBCA’s Kay Yow Cancer Fund for women’s cancers. Thank you to all those who donated online and at the game. With your help Point Park’s total rank 3rd in the country with no ranked teams.

Feb. 23 Home Game: Point Park’s KIAC home playoff game on Feb. 23 will tipoff at 2 p.m. The Pioneers have clinched at least a top-4 finish in the KIAC and the playoff home game that goes with it.

THE SKINNY: Berea is one of several teams fighting for playoff positioning in the KIAC. The Mountaineers are currently tied for 5th in the KIAC standings at 5-6.

Senior Day: Today is Senior Day for the Pioneers. The seniors playing their final regular-season home game are G April Austin, G Brittany Dunmire, F Maeve Gallagher, G Maura McCaslin and G Erika Parks.

Key Players: G Mikola Burks is the only double-digit scorer at 10.2 ppg although the freshman comes off the bench. Johnesha Warren (9.5 ppg) and Shelby Romine (8.2 ppg) are other leaders.

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2012-13 SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER
Tue 6 at Wilberforce W, 86-82
Thur 8 SALEM INTL W, 70-42
Sat 10 at Daemen L, 74-69
Fri 16 at Mt. Vernon Naz. W, 73-62
Mon 19 PSU-FAYETTE W, 74-57
Wed 21 ALICE LLOYD (Ky.)* L, 71-64
Fri 30 at IU Southeast* W, 74-69 2ot

DECEMBER
Sat 1 at Brescia (Ky.)* W, 77-72
Fri 7 MT. VERNON NAZ. W, 52-50
Sat 15 at PSU-Fayette W, 74-57
Mon 17 ASBURY (Ky.)* W, 63-56
Tue 18 MIDWAY (Ky.)* W, 53-47
Sat 29 IU SOUTHEAST* W, 63-56
Sun 30 BRESICA (Ky.)* W, 86-54

JANUARY
Fri 4 at Alice Lloyd (Ky.)* L, 63-57
Sat 5 at Asbury (Ky.)* L, 83-75
Wed 9 MAINE-FORTE KENT W, 59-46
Fri 11 at Berea (Ky.)* W, 62-41
Sat 12 at Midway (Ky.)* W, 86-53
Sun 13 vs. St. Louis COP L, 68-32
Tue 22 CARLOW* W, 69-52
Sat 26 WV TECH W, 66-54

FEBRUARY
Fri 1 DAEMEN (Play 4Kay) W, 54-52
Sat 9 BEREA (Ky.)* (Sr.Day)12:00 p.m.
Sun 10 at PSU-Greater Allegh. 4:00 p.m.
Tue 12 at Salem Intnl 6:00 p.m.
Fri 15 at Carlow* 7:30 p.m.
Sat 16 at WV Tech 2:00 p.m.

KIAC Tournament
Feb. 23 Quarterfinals at PPU 2 p.m.
Feb. 25 Seminalils (at IU Southeast)
Feb. 26 Finals (at IU Southeast)

NAIA National Championship
March 6-12 TBA

Home games in BOLD CAPS
Home games at CCAC-South Gym
* KIAC Game

KIAC Standings (Feb. 8)

Point Park (Pa.) 10-3 19-4
Asbury (Ky.) 8-4 19-8
Alice Lloyd (Ky.) 9-5 15-10
Berea (Ky.) 6-5 13-10
IU Southeast 5-6 13-11
Berea (Ky.) 5-6 9-15
Midway (Ky.) 5-8 8-17
Carlow 4-9 11-13
St. Louis COP 0-6 2-13
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