# 7 Point Park Pioneers (29-4, 13-4 KIAC) • KIAC Tournament Champions

NAIA Division II National Championship • March 12-18 • Sioux City, Iowa • Tyson Events Center

**2013-14 SCHEDULE**

**OCTOBER**
26 at WVU Tech W, 68-50

**NOVEMBER**
2 vs. Madonna W, 77-74
9 at Mt. Vernon Naz. W, 85-70
15 PENN STATE-GA W, 73-52
16 DAEMEN W, 77-62
19 PSU-FAYETTE W, 92-66
23 WYU TECH W, 85-76
25 at Wilberforce W, 77-68

**DECEMBER**
7 ALICE LLOYD (Ky.)* W, 91-84
14 BRESCIA (Ky.)* W, 91-62
17 at La Roche W, 84-70
19 MT. VERNON NAZ. W, 65-57

**JANUARY**
4 at IU Southeast* W, 79-77 OT
5 at Brescia (Ky.)* W, 78-66
10 at Berea (Ky.)* L, 65-57
11 at Alice Lloyd (Ky.)* W, 94-83
14 at PSU-Fayet W, 116-69
15 WILBERFORCE W, 85-67
18 BEREA (Ky.)* L, 92-86
21 CARLOW* W, 74-45
22 PSU-BEAVER W, 97-76
25 ASBURY (Ky.)* W, 79-78
31 at Cincinnati Christian* W, 66-64

**FEBRUARY**
1 at Midway (Ky.)* W, 67-63
2 at STLCOP* (at Midway) W, 76-61
8 IU SOUTHEAST* L, 70-66
15 at ASBURY (Ky.)* L, 81-65
18 at Carlow* W, 68-53
21 MIDWAY (Ky.)* W, 81-48
22 CINCINNATI CHRISTIAN W, 75-65

KIAC Tournament Feb. 28-March 1
25 vs. #6 Brescia W, 98-78
28 vs. #5 Berea (Ky.) W, 86-64
1 at Asbury (Ky.) W, 67-59

**NAIA DIID Tournament March 12-18**
13 vs. Morningside 7 p.m. CT

**2013-14 KIAC STANDINGS**

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**POINT PARK UNIVERSITY PIONEERS TEAMS NOTES:**

- **Last Games:** Point Park went 3-0 last week through the KIAC Tournament to win their second straight KIAC title and their third conference tournament in a row. No. 1 seed Point Park beat No. 2 seed Asbury (Ky.) in the finals, 67-59, and they erased a 10-point halftime deficit to earn the conference’s automatic bid to the national tourney.
- **Key Players:** The Pioneers have three double-digit scorers — two freshmen and a sophomore — but they have a balanced attack that includes seven players of 7.0 ppg or higher. Freshman C Sam Weir and freshman F Carly Forse give the Pioneers a formidable post-presence, and G Alexa Xenakis is the top outside scorer.
- **Head Coach:** Tony Grenek is in his third year as head coach at Point Park. He’s won 81 percent of his games for a record of 77-18 at the school to date. Grenek has led the Pioneers to two straight national tournaments.
- **Wins Record:** The Pioneers have a team record for wins at 29-4 overall and are looking to add on at the NAIA DIID Tournament. Point Park beat the previous team record of 25 wins last year at 27-5 overall. Point Park started this year 14-0 to set a team record for consecutive wins. Point Park is 15-4 since and has won 12 of 14.
- **NAIA DIID Stats:** PPU ranks 4th in NAIA DIID in rebounding at 46.8 rpg. The Pioneers are 11th in blocks per game (4.6), 10th in turnover margin (+5.2), 13th in steals (11.3 spg), 19th in scoring margin (+11.8 rpg), 22nd in field-goal percentage defense (.368) and 25th in assists (15.5 apg).
- **KIAC Stats:** The Pioneers are in the top three of the KIAC team statistical rankings in scoring (3rd, 79.0 ppg), rebounding (2nd, 46.8 rpg) and assists (1st, 15.5 apg). PPU has the top defense in the KIAC in terms of scoring defense (67.2 ppg), field-goal percentage defense (.368), turnover margin (+5.2) and blocks (4.6 bpg).
- **NAIA DIID Top 25:** The Pioneers are in the ‘others receiving votes’ section of the NAIA DIID Top 25 Poll this week, a place they’ve been the last few weeks. The Pioneers come in at No. 28 overall in the March 5 poll. PPU was as high as No. 18 on Jan. 4 when it was 14-0. There will be one more national poll after the national tournament.
- **NAIA DIID Tournament:** The Pioneers are in their third straight NAIA DIID national tournament with a KIAC Tournament title and the conference’s automatic berth. An at-large berth did not seem likely given the Pioneers’ spot in the national rankings just outside the Top 25 Poll, so they went out and locked up an automatic bid in the KIAC.
- **Program History:** The Point Park program did not have a good overall record prior to the last three seasons. The Pioneers were just 317-550 (.365) before the 2011-12 season, but they are 77-18 (.810) since. Point Park did not have a winning season from 1994-2008. Point Park was 19-12 in 1993-94 and 14-13 in 2009-10.
- **NAIA DIID Tournament History:** Point Park is 0-2 all-time in NAIA DIID national tournaments. No. 8 seed Point Park lost to No. 1 Indiana Wesleyan, 61-31, last year. No. 6 Point Park lost to No. 3 Corban ( Ore.) 60-58 in 2011-12.

**POINT PARK PROBABILITIES**

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First Round Game Story (Continued) — No. 7 Point Park vs. No. 2 Morningside (Iowa) — March 13 at 8 p.m. ET

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