

POINT PARK MEN vs. INDIANA KOKOMO

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PIONEERS SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

6-8 at Ohio Christian Tournament	
6 vs. Great Lakes Christian	W, 143-70
7 vs. Boyce College	W, 116-75
8 at Ohio Christian	L, 82-76
10 PSU-BEAVER	W, 111-87
12 PSU-FAYETTE	W, 88-85
19at Washington Adventist	W, 80-70
20 at Buffalo State (BSU Tourney)	Cancelled
21 vs. Pine Manor (BSU Tourney)	Cancelled
24 at PSU-Beaver	W, 108-92
25 WEST VIRGINIA TECH	L, 92-80

DECEMBER

1 MAINE-FORT KENT	W, 94-72
2 at West Virginia Tech	L, 90-70
4 WASHINGTON ADVENTIST	L, 81-77
6 CINCINNATI CHRISTIAN	W, 75-71

JANUARY

3 at Asbury (Ky.)*	L, 94-71
4 at Alice Lloyd (Ky.)*	L, 72-63
7 at Rio Grande*	W, 98-96
10 IU KOMOMO*	2 p.m.
12 at PSU-Fayette*	7:30 p.m.
20 CINCINNATI CHRISTIAN*	7:30 p.m.
23 at Brescia (Ky.)*	7 p.m. (CT)
30 IU SOUTHEAST*	7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

3 at Carlow*	6 p.m.
8 at IU East*	3 p.m.
10 RIO GRANDE*	7:30 p.m.
14 at IU Kokomo*	7 p.m.
18 CARLOW*	7:30 p.m.
21 IU EAST*	12 p.m.
24 KIAC First Round	TBA
28 KIAC Semifinals	TBA

MARCH

3 KIAC Finals	TBA
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2014-15 KIAC STANDINGS

KIAC North Division	KIAC	Overall
(RV) IU East	1-0	13-5
Point Park	1-2	9-6
IU Kokomo	0-0	6-9
Rio Grande	0-1	10-5
Carlow	1-10	0-3
KIAC South Division	KIAC	Overall
Alice Lloyd (Ky.)	3-0	7-10
Asbury (Ky.)	2-0	11-4
Brescia (Ky.)	1-0	9-5
22 Cincinnati Christian	0-0	12-5
IU Southeast	0-2	3-10

(NAIA Top 25 ranking denoted)

2014-15 KIAC PRESEASON POLL

KIAC North Division	Votes
1. Rio Grande (Ohio) (5)	44
2. IU East (5)	43
3. Point Park	29
4. IU Kokomo	24
5. Carlow	10
KIAC South Division	Votes
1. Cincinnati Christian (6)	46
2. IU Southeast (3)	42
3. Asbury (Ky.)	24
4. Brescia (Ky.) (1)	24
5. Alice Lloyd (Ky.)	14

(First-Place Votes in Parenthesis)

KIAC WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, Jan. 9

IU Kokomo at Carlow, 8 p.m. (Late)

Saturday, Jan. 10

Rio Grande at (RV) IU East, 1 p.m.

IU Kokomo at Point Park, 2 p.m.

IU Southeast at Asbury (Ky.), 4 p.m.

Alice Lloyd (Ky.) at Brescia (Ky.), 5 p.m.

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Point Park (9-6, 1-2 KIAC) vs. Indiana Kokomo (6-9, 0-0 KIAC)

Series Record: Tied, 1-1 . Last Year: PPU 69, IUK 65 (Nov. 12); IUK 116, PPU 106 (Nov. 23)

Point Park returns to its home court for a KIAC game versus fellow North Division opponent Indiana Kokomo. The Pioneers are playing a home game for the first time in over a month as its last time taking the CCAC-South court was Dec. 6, a 75-71 win over Cincinnati Christian in a non-conference game. After a long layoff, Point Park resumed play Jan. 3-4 for its KIAC openers at Asbury (Ky.) and Alice Lloyd (Ky.), but it lost both games. The Pioneers played their third conference road game in a span of five days this past Wednesday, and they came up with a 98-96 win at Rio Grande. Point Park looks to keep the momentum going today, and it is 4-2 at home this year. Point Park split two games with IUK last year with a 69-66 home win and a 116-106 road loss. The Pioneers scored an amazing 70 points in the 2nd Half of the road loss but still lost after being down 57-36 at the half.

Indiana Kokomo is in its second year in the KIAC, and last year the Cougars were 8-19 overall and 5-12 KIAC to finish in ninth place, one spot out of playoff qualification. Under fourth-year coach Jace Thompson, IUK is already just two wins shy of matching last year's win total. The Cougars were 6-9 overall, 0-0 KIAC entering Friday night's conference game at Carlow, which tipped off at 8 p.m.

PROBABLE STARTERS

POINT PARK PIONEERS	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown (Prev. School)	PPG	RPG
00 Jerah'me Williams	G	5-9	Jr.	Youngstown, Ohio (Lourdes Univ.)	19.8	3.6
22 Yandell Denis	G/F	6-4	Jr.	Brooklyn, N.Y. (Erie CC)	12.2	7.2
14 T.J. Lanier	G/F	6-6	Jr.	Youngstown, Ohio (Seton Hill Univ.)	11.4	2.4
3 Barry Smith	G/F	6-6	Sr.	Penn Hills, Pa. (Bethune-Cookman)	12.7	9.6
10 Alan Heter	F	6-7	Sr.	McKees Rock, Pa. (Edinboro)	12.8	8.5
IUK COUGARS	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown	PPG	RPG
1 Nick Teeter	G	6-1	Jr.	Berne, Ind. (South Adams HS)	15.9	1.9
24 Jerome Campbell	G	6-0	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Arsenal Tech HS)	7.2	5.4
12 Jared Lawrence	G	6-4	Sr.	Springport, Ind. (Blue River Valley HS)	11.4	5.6
10 Aaron Knupp	F	6-4	Sr.	Springport, Ind. (Blue River Valley HS)	7.9	4.4
42 Micah Pier	C	6-9	Fr.	Bunker Hill, Ind. (Maconaquah HS)	11.9	4.9

TODAY'S GAME NOTES

Quick Hits: The Pioneers got a big win this past Wednesday at Rio Grande to prevent an 0-3 start to conference play. Point Park was down 19 points in the first half but came back to win, 98-96, and enters today 1-2 KIAC. The Pioneers return home, where they are 4-2 on the year, with a chance to even their conference record and notch their 10th win of the season. Point Park has two starters returning from last year's team that was 11-17 overall and 6-11 KIAC for 8th place.

Last Game: Won, 98-96, at Rio Grande. The Pioneers turned a 51-32, first-half deficit into a KIAC road win with 28 points from T.J. Lanier and 27 points and eight assists from Jerah'me Williams. The win was versus a Rio Grande team picked as the KIAC North favorite.

Head Coach: Bob Rager, 26th season. Career Record: 357-347 (all at Point Park). Three NAIA national tournaments (1996-97, 2000-01, 2006-07). All-time winningest coach in team history.

Starting Five: Point guard Jerah'me Williams leads the team with 19.8 points (22nd in NAIA DII) and 6.8 assists per game (5th in NAIA DII). G/F Barry Smith (12.7 ppg) is 11th in the country with 9.6 rpg and seventh with 2.7 spg. F Alan Heter (12.8 ppg) is 23rd in the nation with 8.5 rpg. G/F Yandell Denis (12.7 ppg) and T.J. Lanier (11.4 ppg) are the other two starters.

Off The Bench: The Pioneers bring a pair of shooting threats off the bench with Sa'id Allen (10.9 ppg) and Art Christian (6.1 ppg) have 37 and 17 made 3-pointers on the year, respectively.

Lanier Latently: G/F T.J. Lanier has started the last four games and is on a major term. The 6-6 junior is averaging 16.8 ppg the last five games, all of which have been double-digit scoring efforts, including a career-high 28 at Rio Grande on Wednesday.

NAIA DII Team Stats: Point Park ranks 4th in NAIA DII in steals per game (10.6), 5th in scoring offense (90.0 ppg), 9th in rebounds per game (41.7 rpg), 10th in 3-point field goals made per game (9.2), 16th in turnover margin (+3.7) and 33rd in assists per game (15.6).

Home vs. Road: Point Park is 4-2 at home this year., and the Dec. 6 win over CCU was one of the Pioneers' best games this year, especially since CCU is now ranked No. 22 in NAIA DII with a 12-5 record. The road had not been kind for the Pioneers as they were just 2-4 on the road before Wednesday's win. With three of their next four KIAC games at home PPU will look to make up ground in the standings.

Offensive Outburst: With the fifth-best scoring offense in the country according to points per game (90.0), the Pioneers had not been acting like it prior to the game at Rio Grande. That win ended a streak of five losses in the past seven games, only one of which included more than 80 points for the Pioneers. But the outburst of 98 points overall and 58 the second half at Rio Grande put the Pioneers back on their scoring track.

Scouting IUK: The Cougars were 6-9, 0-0 KIAC entering last night at Carlow (8 p.m.) having lost four of its last six games. IUK has one of the better defense in the conference ranking 3rd in the KIAC in scoring defense (71.0 ppg) and 4th in field goal percentage defense (.433). Junior G Nick Teeter (15.9 ppg) has a team-high 46 treys to rank 15th in NAIA DII with 3.3 made per game. He is 38 for 38 from the foul line. 6-9 center Micah Pier (11.4) and 6-4 G Jared Lawrence (11.4) also average double digits. IUK is 15th nationally at free-throw percentage at 74.5 percent.

Up Next: The Pioneers visit PSU-Fayette (10-3) on Monday at 7:30 p.m. and then does play again until hosting No. 22 CCU (12-5) on Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESEASON QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Founded: 1960
 Enrollment: 4,000
 Nickname: Pioneers
 Colors: Green & Vegas Gold
 Affiliation: NAIA Division II
 Conference: KIAC
 Facility: CCAC-South Gym
 President: Dr. Paul Hennigan
 Athletic Director: Dan Swalga
 Athletic Phone: (412) 392-3844
 Basketball Phone: (412) 392-3843

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Bob Rager, 26th year
 Alma Mater: Point Park ('74)
 Record at Point Park 348-341
 Record Overall 348-341
 Assistant Coach: Gabe Bubon
 11th year (Point Park '00)

TEAM INFORMATION

2013-14 Record: 11-17, 6-11 KIAC
 2013-14 Conf. Finish 8th of 10
 Playoff Result: L, 1st Rd at IUS
 Starters Returning: 2 of 5
 Letter Winners Returning: 4 of 8
 2014-15 KIAC Poll 3rd of 5 KIAC North

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year of Sport 1967-68
 All-Time Record 669-602 (.526)
 Conference Playoff App: 18
 NAIA Tournament App: 5
 ('78-79, '82-83, '96-97, '00-01, '06-07)
 Last Postseason Result L, KIAC 1st Rd
 (at IU Southeast, 99-94)

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POINT PARK UNIVERSITY PIONEERS ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/High School/Previous School
00	Jerah'me Williams	G	5-9	170	Jr.	Youngstown, Ohio/Memorial HS/Lourdes Univ.
3	Barry Smith	G/F	6-6	180	Sr.	Penn Hills, Pa./Penn Hills HS/Bethune-Cookman Univ.
10	Alan Heter	F	6-7	215	Sr.	McKees Rocks, Pa./Montour HS/Edinboro Univ.
11	Jerrad Tuite	G	5-10	175	Fr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Chartiers Valley HS
14	T.J. Lanier	G/F	6-6	200	Jr.	Youngstown, Ohio/Warren Howland/Seton Hill Univ.
20	Corey Henning	G	5-8	165	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Brentwood HS
21	Terence Halls	G	6-1	200	Jr.	Brooklyn, N.Y./International Studies HS/Erie CC
22	Yandell Denis	G/F	6-4	200	Jr.	Brooklyn, N.Y./Xaverian HS/Erie CC
23	Art Christian	G/F	6-2	195	So.	Cleveland, Ohio/Richmond Heights HS/Lourdes Univ.
30	Brandon Camic	G	6-3	205	So.	McKeesport, Pa./Serra Catholic HS
32	Sa'iid Allen	G	6-3	175	Fr.	Baton Rouge, La./Glen Oaks HS/Southern Univ.
33	Matthew Noszka	G/F	6-3	195	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Chartiers Valley HS/Seton Hill Univ.
40	Alek Schaffer	G	6-1	170	Fr.	Kittanning, Pa./Kittanning HS
42	Cameron Harbaugh	G	6-0	185	Fr.	McKees Rocks, Pa./Montour HS
45	Miles Bennett	G	6-1	200	Fr.	Carnegie, Pa./Carlynton HS
50	Fred Webb	G	6-0	195	So.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Northside Urban Path

Head coach: Bob Rager (Point Park '74), 26th season

Assistant coach: Gabe Bubon (Point Park '00), 11th yr

INDIANA KOKOMO COUGARS ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/High School/Prev. School
1	Nick Teeter	G	6-1	185	Jr.	Berne, Ind./South Adams HS
4	Jonathan Hurt	G	5-11	165	Fr.	Mooresville, Ind./Mooresville HS
5	Myluv Sutton	F	6-5	210	Fr.	Fort Wayne, Ind./Forth Wayne North HS
10	Aaron Knupp	F	6-4	180	Sr.	Springport, Ind./Blue River Valley HS
11	Jordan King	F	6-5	185	So.	Indianapolis, Ind./Ben Davis HS
12	Jared Lawrence	G	6-4	180	Sr.	Springport, Ind./Blue River Valley HS
14	Beau Dedmond	F	6-4	200	Fr.	Evansville, Ind./Evansville Central HS
21	Bryan Powell	F	6-6	205	So.	Tipton, Ind./Tipton HS/Wabash HS
22	Zac Rea	G	6-4	195	So.	Cambridge City, Ind./Lincoln HS
24	Jerome Campbell	G	6-0	175	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind./Arsenal Tech HS
33	Christian Smith	G	6-2	190	Fr.	Frankfort, Ind./Frankfort HS
42	Michal Pier	C	6-0	220	Fr.	Bunker Hill, Ind./Maconaquah HS
43	Stephen Bennett	F	6-6	230	Fr.	Warsaw, Ind./Whitko HS
50	Stephen Calhoun	F	6-5	200	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind./Herron HS

Head coach: Jace Thompson, fourth season

Assistant coach: Alex Birge, first season

TEAM COMPARISON

	IUK	POINT PARK
PPG (Margin)	71.0 (-1.6)	90.0 (+8.1)
FG	.419	.469
OPP. FG	.433	.440
3PT FG	.369 (115-312)	.347 (138-398)
FT	.745	.635
RPG (Margin)	35.5 (-4.3)	41.7 (-0.2)
APG	11.8	15.6
TO	16.5	14.0
OPP. TO	15.1	17.7



POINT PARK MEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON STATS — All Games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(9-6)	(4-2)	(3-4)	(2-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(1-2)	(0-0)	(1-2)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(8-4)	(4-2)	(2-2)	(2-0)

##	Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---			---3-PTS---			---REBOUNDS---											
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
00	Williams, Jerah'me.	15-12	534 35.6	102-198	.515	33-81	.407	60-76	.789	15	39	54	3.6	23	0	103	49	1	29	297	19.8
10	Heter, Alan.....	15-15	464 30.9	78-144	.542	0-4	.000	36-64	.563	58	70	128	8.5	47	2	12	32	10	17	192	12.8
03	Smith, Barry.....	15-15	526 35.1	78-163	.479	5-29	.172	30-53	.566	59	85	144	9.6	42	1	20	36	27	41	191	12.7
22	Denis, Yandell....	14-13	397 28.4	63-143	.441	22-62	.355	23-47	.489	21	80	101	7.2	19	0	39	40	5	23	171	12.2
14	Lanier, T.J.....	14-4	273 19.5	57-111	.514	13-40	.325	32-46	.696	7	26	33	2.4	20	0	4	14	3	6	159	11.4
32	Allen, Sa'iid.....	15-11	375 25.0	59-152	.388	37-94	.394	8-13	.615	10	22	32	2.1	35	1	27	17	0	20	163	10.9
33	Noszka, Matthew....	6-5	130 21.7	22-50	.440	10-29	.345	7-11	.636	5	22	27	4.5	11	0	13	4	0	9	61	10.2
23	Christian, Art.....	15-0	243 16.2	33-81	.407	17-54	.315	9-12	.750	7	30	37	2.5	21	0	14	13	0	14	92	6.1
30	Camic, Brandon.....	6-0	39 6.5	7-15	.467	1-2	.500	6-10	.600	5	9	14	2.3	4	0	0	2	2	0	21	3.5
20	Henning, Corey.....	3-0	5 1.7	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	1.0	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	0.7
42	Harbaugh, Cameron..	5-0	13 2.6	0-6	.000	0-3	.000	1-2	.500	1	1	2	0.4	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.2
40	Schaffer, Alek.....	1-0	2 2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM.....										25	26	51	3.6	0			3				
Total.....		15	3001	500-1066	.469	138-398	.347	212-334	.635	214	412	626	41.7	223	4	234	210	48	160	1350	90.0
Opponents.....		15	2804	465-1057	.440	132-397	.332	167-252	.663	214	415	629	41.9	276	-	235	266	40	106	1229	81.9