

POINT PARK UNIVERSITY SOFTBALL

2011 QUICK FACTS & SEASON PROSPECTUS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Founded: 1960
 Enrollment: 3,900
 Nickname: Pioneers
 Colors: Green and Gold
 Affiliation: NAIA
 Conference: American Mideast
 Home field: Lind Field at Fairhaven Park (McKees Rocks)
 President: Dr. Paul Hennigan
 Athletic Director: Dan Swalga

COACHING STAFF

Head coach (Alma mater): Michelle Coultas (Point Park '97)
 Years at Point Park: fifth season
 Record at Point Park: 70-68 (.507)
 Years as head coach: fifth season
 Career record: 70-68 (.507)
 Assistant coaches: Rob Ferrari, third season;
 Karina Graziani, first season

PLAYER INFORMATION:

Key returning players	Pos.	Yr.	Notes (2010 stats)
Amanda Ardinger	OF/IF	So.	AMC Freshman of the Year, .519 avg. ranked second in NAIA
Kelsey Robertson	RHP	So.	AMC Pitcher of the Year, 6-1, 1.53 ERA, 55.0 IP
Kristen Zelenka	RHP	Sr.	7-7, 2.45 ERA, 80.0 IP as No. 1 starter
Danielle Dorunda	3B	So.	.382 avg., 5 HRs, 24 RBIs
Nicole Kerestine	IF/OF	Sr.	.395 avg., started 15 of 17 games before season-ending injury
Lindsey Pesanka	SS	Sr.	.282 avg., led team with 25 R and 12 BB as SS and leadoff hitter

Key players lost	Pos.	Yr.	Notes (2010 stats)
Christie Schroeder	C	Sr.	All-AMC second team, .341 avg., 15 RBIs, career .370 avg.
Courtney Cain	1B	Sr.	All-AMC HM, .348 avg., 4 HRs, 19 RBIs

Key newcomers	Pos.	Yr.	Notes
Teresa Davis	C/IF	Fr.	All-Ohio player from Vermilion, Ohio
Ashley Morran	IF/OF	Fr.	WPIAL Player of the Year ('09) from Washington, Pa.
Lindsey Inzana	RHP	Fr.	Hard-throwing pitcher from Cheseapeake, Va.
Nichelle Navarro	OF	Jr.	Native of Buena, Calif., transferred from Golden West (CA) Coll.

SEASON OUTLOOK – 2011 POINT PARK UNIVERSITY SOFTBALL

Pioneers looking to break through in the AMC after sniffing playoffs last two years

The Point Park University softball team has been well over the .500 mark in each of the last two years, but the Pioneers came up one game short of qualifying for the American Mideast Conference playoffs in both of those seasons. Point Park will look to break through that barrier in the 2011 campaign. The Pioneers have plenty of returning talent as well as some key additions that give them reason to believe they will take the next step for a program that has been significantly elevated the last few years under now fifth-year coach Michelle Coultas.

Point Park was 19-11 last season and missed out on the postseason by one game with an 8-7 AMC record. Similarly, the Pioneers were 22-14 in 2009, but their 10-10 conference mark had them missing the playoffs by a single game. The 22 wins that year were the most for the program in nearly a decade. In Coultas' first two seasons, the Pioneers were a combined 25-35 as the former Point Park standout began to put the program on solid footing. After making significant gains the last two years, the Pioneers are poised to elevate the program even further.

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PROGRAM HISTORY

First year of softball: 1982
 All-time record: 208-311 (since 1995)
 Last playoff appearance: 2008 (NAIA Region IX tournament)
 Last playoff result: L, 2-1 (Mt. Vernon Nazarene)

TEAM INFORMATION:

2010 overall record: 19-11 (.633)
 2010 conference record: 8-7 (.533)
 2010 conference finish: 5th of 9 teams
 Playoff result: NA
 Position starters returning/lost: 7/2
 Starting pitchers returning/lost: 4/0

(SEASON OUTLOOK, continued)

Among the return talent are a couple of sophomores who took home some AMC awards last year. Kelsey Robertson was named the AMC Pitcher of the Year, and classmate Amanda Ardinger was the AMC Freshman of the Year. Robertson, from Frostburg, Md., was 6-1 with a 1.53 ERA in 55 IP. Ardinger, from Moon Twp., Pa., was second in the NAIA with a batting average of .519.

Sophomore third baseman Danielle Dorunda, from Warren, Pa., was second on the team in hitting at .382 and led the team with five homers and 24 RBIs. Senior Nicole Kerestine, an infielder from Brownsville, Pa., hit .395 before missing the final 13 games due to injury. Senior infielder Lindsey Pesanka, from Baldwin, Pa., is back for her fourth year as a starter after having a team-high 25 runs.

Sara Guffey, a sophomore catcher from Washington, Pa., hit .308 last year. Sophomore Olivia Sorce, from Penn Hills, Pa., started 27 games on the infield last year while hitting .233. Junior center fielder Zoe Hughes, from Butler, Pa., has started the last two years, but she suffered a kneed injury during the volleyball season that will keep her out. Junior utility player Julie Campbell found a starting role midway through last year and came on strong late in the season.

The Pioneers have every one of their pitchers returning to this year's team. Kristen Zelenka, a senior from Washington, Pa., has been the No.1 starter the last two years and was 7-7 with a 2.45 ERA in 2010. Other arms are juniors Abbie Heigel, from DuBois, Pa., and Marlena Carnicella, from Patton, Pa. Freshman Lindsey Inzana, from Chesapeake, Va., will join the rotation this year.

A large recruiting class has added plenty of talent to the roster. The Pioneers have several players in the group that figure to make an impact right away. Most notable in the group are freshmen Teresa Davis, an All-Ohio catcher/infielder from Vermilion, Ohio, and Ashley Morran, an infielder/outfielder and a former all-state player at Trinity High School in Washington, Pa.

2011 POINT PARK UNIVERSITY SOFTBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	B/T	Hometown/High School/Prev. School
00	Lindsey Inzana	P	Fr.	R/R	Chesapeake, Va./Grassfield
1	Abby Mathieu	OF	Fr.	S/R	Wheeling, W.Va./Wheeling Park
2	Kristen Zelenka	P	Sr.	R/R	Washington/Trinity/Fairmont State Univ.
3	Brea Magnone	Util.	Fr.	L/L	Weirton, Va./Steubenville Big Red
4	Abbie Heigel	P	Jr.	R/R	DuBois/DuBois Central Catholic
5	Natika Ecklund	OF	Sr.	R/R	Irvona/Moshannon Valley
6	Courtney Manovich	1B	Fr.	R/R	Murrysville/Franklin Regional
7	Nicole Kerestine	IF	Sr.	R/R	Brownsville/Brownsville
8	Kelsey Robertson	P	So.	R/R	Frostburg, Md./Mountain Ridge
12	Ashley Miller	Util.	Fr.	S/R	Wintersville, Ohio/Buckeye Local
13	Nichelle Navarro	OF	Jr.	R/R	Buena Park, Calif./John F. Kennedy/Golden West JC
14	Marlena Carnicella	P	Jr.	R/R	Patton/Cambria Heights
15	Amanda Ardinger	IF/OF	So.	R/R	Moon/Moon Area
17	Lindsey Pesanka	SS	Sr.	R/R	Baldwin/Baldwin
18	Julie Campbell	C/Util.	Jr.	L/R	Baldwin/Baldwin
20	Destiny James	IF	Fr.	S/R	Cumberland, Md./Fort Hill
21	Danielle Dorunda	3B	So.	R/R	Warren/Warren
22	Olivia Sorce	IF	So.	R/R	Vernona/Penn Hills
23	Larissa Banks	OF	Jr.	L/L	McKees Rocks/Sto-Rox
25	Ashley Morran	IF/OF	Fr.	R/R	Washington, Pa./Trinity
27	Zoe Hughes	OF	Jr.	R/R	Butler/Knoch
29	Sara Guffey	C/DP	So.	R/R	Washington/Trinity
32	Teresa Davis	C/IF	Fr.	R/R	Vermilion, Ohio/Firelands
43	Maeve Gallagher	OF	Jr.	R/R	Pittsburgh/Perry

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2011 POINT PARK UNVIERSITY SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

All game are doubleheaders unless otherwise noted

Home games played at Lind Field at Fairhaven Park, Kennedy Twp., Pa.

*American Mideast Conference game

Day/Date	Opponent	Time
<i>March 6-11</i>	<i>Rebel Games (Kissimmee, Fla.)</i>	<i>10 games</i>
Sun., March 6	Ursinus (Pa.)	9 a.m. (1 game)
Sun., March 6	Waynesburg (Pa.)	1 p.m. (1 game)
Mon., March 7	Indiana Wesleyan	3 p.m. (1 game)
Mon., March 7	Marian (Ind.)	5 p.m. (1 game)
Tue., March 8	Culver-Stockton (Mo.)	1 p.m. (1 game)
Tue., March 8	Indiana Wesleyan	3 p.m. (1 game)
Thur., March 10	Marian (Ind.)	9 a.m. (1 game)
Thur., March 10	Valley City State (N.D.)	11 a.m. (1 game)
Fri., March 11	Culver-Stockton (Mo.)	9 a.m. (1 game)
Fri., March 11	Ave Maria (Fla.)	11 a.m. (1 game)
Wed., March 16	LA ROCHE	3 p.m.
Sat., March 19	at Clarion	1 p.m.
Sun., March 20	SUNY-CANTON	1 p.m.
Tue., March 22	at Geneva	3 p.m.
Thur., March 24	PITT-GREENSBURG	3 p.m.
Fri., March 25	at Fairmont State	3 p.m.
Sun., March 27	PSU-FAYETTE	1 p.m.
Tue., March 29	at West Liberty	3 p.m.
Fri., April 1	at Mt. Vernon Nazarene*	3 p.m.
Sun., April 3	at Gannon	1 p.m.
Tue., April 5	URSULINE*	3:30 p.m.
Sat., April 9	at Malone*	1 p.m.
Sun., April 10	at Slippery Rock	3 p.m.
Tue., April 12	WALSH*	3 p.m.
Fri., April 15	CEDARVILLE*	3 p.m.
Tue., April 19	CARLOW*	3 p.m.
Wed., April 20	at Seton Hill	3 p.m.
Fri., April 22	NOTRE DAME (OH)*	3:30 p.m.
Wed.-Fri., May 4-6	AMC Tournament	TBA