



# # 1 Point Park Pioneers (27-4, 13-4 KIAC) • KIAC Reg. Season Co-Champs

KIAC Tournament Final Four • Feb. 28-March 1, 2014 • at Alice Lloyd (Ky.) • Grady Nutt Athletic Center

## GAMEDAY INFORMATION: #1 Point Park vs. #5 Berea (Ky.) -- KIAC Semifinals

Feb. 28, 2014 — KIAC Tournament Semifinals — 5:30 p.m. ET

#1 Point Park Pioneers (27-4, 13-4 KIAC) vs. #5 Berea (Ky.) Mountaineers (14-12, 9-8 KIAC)

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The No. 1 seed Point Park University Pioneers (27-4, 13-4 KIAC) take on the No. 5 seed Berea (Ky.) College Mountaineers (14-12, 9-8 KIAC) in the KIAC Women's Basketball Tournament semifinals Feb. 28, 2014 at Alice Lloyd (Ky.) College's Grady Nutt Athletic Center (5:30 p.m. ET). The winner advances to the KIAC Tournament finals March 1 at 1 p.m. ET versus the winner of No. 2 Asbury (Ky.) versus No. 6 Midway (Ky.), the other semifinal on Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. ET.

The KIAC Tournament champion will receive the conference's automatic bid to the NAIA Division II national tournament March 12-18 in Sioux City, Iowa. The KIAC was established in 1916 and is the oldest conference in the NAIA. The conference got its start with its basketball championship.

Point Park is the defending KIAC Tournament champion and is seeking its third-consecutive trip to the NAIA DII national tournament. The Pioneers won the KIAC title last year, their first year in the league, and won the AMC Tournament in 2011-12.

The Pioneers will have to get past Berea for another KIAC championship. The Mountaineers have handed Point Park two of its four losses this season, 65-57, at home and 92-86 on the road. Point Park was 14-0 before shooting a season-low 30 percent in the loss at Berea Jan. 10. After winning with defense in the earlier matchup, Berea won in a shootout a week later at Point Park Jan. 18. *(Continued on Page 2).*

### POINT PARK UNIVERSITY PIONEERS TEAMS NOTES:

• **Last Game:** Point Park won at home, 98-78, over No. 8 seed Brescia (Ky.) in the KIAC Tournament First Round. The Pioneers trailed, 28-18, midway through the first half but ended the half on a 32-8 run for a 50-16 lead that break. Haley Sauer led five players in double digits with 19 as the Pioneers led by 20 for most of the second half.

• **Balanced Attack:** When Haley Sauer scored a team-high 19 points in the KIAC First Round, she became the 9th different player to lead the Pioneers in scoring in a game this year. Point Park has a balanced attack with two double-digit scorers, C Sam Weir (14.8 ppg) and G Alexa Xenakis (10.2 ppg), and the other three starters are all slightly under double figures. The Pioneers have seven players averaging seven points per game or higher.

• **Head Coach:** Tony Grenek is in his third year as head coach at Point Park. He's won 80.6 percent of his games for a record of 75-18 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 27-4 overall and are looking to add on at the KIAC Tournament. Point Park beat the previous team record of 25 wins set last year at 25-7 overall. Point Park started the year 14-0 to set a team record for consecutive wins. Point Park is 13-4 since and has won 10 of its last 12.

• **KIAC Stats:** The Pioneers are in the top three of the KIAC team statistical rankings in scoring (3rd, 79.7 ppg), rebounding (2nd, 46.9 rpg) and assists (1st, 15.8 apg). PPU has the top defense in the KIAC in terms of scoring defense (67.5 ppg), field-goal percentage defense (.370), turnover margin (+5.1) and blocks (4.8 bpg).

• **NAIA DII Stats:** PPU ranks 4th in NAIA DII in rebounding at 46.9 rpg. The Pioneers are 9th in blocks per game (4.8), 10th in turnover margin (+5.1), 12th in steals (11.3 spg), 18th in scoring (79.7 ppg), 19th in scoring margin (+12.2 ppg), 21st in field-goal percentage defense (.370) and 21st in assists (15.8 apg).

• **NAIA DII Top 25:** The Pioneers are in the 'others receiving votes' section of the NAIA DII Top 25 Poll this week, a place they've been the last few weeks. The Pioneers come in at No. 27 overall in the latest poll. PPU was as high as No. 18 Jan. 4 when it was 14-0. The final poll before the national tournament is March 5 at 5 p.m. ET

• **NAIA DII Tournament:** The Pioneers are seeking their third straight trip to the NAIA DII national tournament with a KIAC Tournament title and the conference's automatic berth. An at-large berth does not seem likely given the Pioneers' spot in the national rankings just outside the Top 25 Poll at No. 27 overall this week.

• **2012-13 KIAC Tournament:** Point Park won the 2012-13 KIAC Tournament by defeating #8 Carlow, 54-44, and then beating #5 IU Southeast, 71-56, and #3 Asbury, 67-58, in the semifinals and finals at IU Southeast. PPU won the 2011-12 AMC Tournament in their final year in the conference to make NAIA's for the first time ever.

POINT PARK PROBABLES	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown (Previous)	PPG	RPG
2	Kayla Kiriau	G	5-9	Jr. Wellington, New Zealand (Sheridan JC)	9.0	4.3
22	Alexa Xenakis	G	5-6	So. Pittsburgh, Pa. (Keystone Oaks HS)	10.2	2.5
3	Katresa Savisky	G/F	5-9	Sr. Butler, Pa. (Butler County CC)	8.6	4.8
34	Carly Forse	F	5-10	Fr. Pittsburgh, Pa. (Bishop Canevin HS)	9.9	7.9
33	Sam Weir	C	6-0	Fr. Ellwood City, Pa. (Riverside HS)	14.8	9.4

**Head Coach:** Tony Grenek (IUP '94), third season. Career Record: 75-18.

## 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 WVU 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-Fayette 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 vs. 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

25 KIAC Tournament 1<sup>st</sup> Rd

vs. # 8 Brescia W, 98-78

28-3/1 KIAC Tournament Final Four

vs. #5 Berea (Ky.) 5:30 p.m.

### 2013-14 KIAC STANDINGS

School	Ovr	KIAC
Point Park	27-4	13-4
Asbury (Ky.)	24-6	13-4
Alice Lloyd (Ky.)	17-10	12-5
Indiana Southeast	16-12	11-6
Berea (Ky.)	14-12	9-8
Midway (Ky.)	12-16	8-9
Cincinnati Christian	12-18	7-11
Brescia	8-22	5-12
Carlow**	10-18	3-14
St. Louis COP**	4-17	0-9

\*\* did not qualify for KIAC Tournament

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# KIAC TOURNAMENT GAME NOTES — Point Park University Women's Basketball — Feb. 28-March 1, 2014 at Alice Lloyd

## KIAC Tournament — Feb. 25-March 1 — First Round at Higher Seed — Final Four at Alice Lloyd (Ky.)

Feb. 25 — First Round: #1 Point Park def. #8 Brescia, 98-78. ▪ #5 Berea (Ky.) def. #4 IU Southeast, 74-71

#2 Asbury (Ky.) def. #7 Cincinnati Christian, 72-69. ▪ #6 Midway (Ky.) def. #3 Alice Lloyd (Ky.), 92-70

Feb. 28 — Semis: #2 Asbury (24-6) vs. #6 Midway (12-16), 1 p.m. / #1 Point Park (27-4) vs. #5 Berea (14-12), 5:30 p.m.

March 1 — Finals: TBA, 1 p.m. (Winner to NAIA Division II national tournament March 12-18 at Sioux City, Iowa).

(Continued from Page 1): Point Park brings with it to the KIAC Tournament semifinals a team that ranks highly in the KIAC in scoring, rebounding and many of the team defensive statistics. But the Pioneers had their worst offensive day of the season in the 65-57 loss at Berea Jan. 10 with 30-percent field goals and 2 for 21 from 3-point range. Then, in the Jan. 18 home loss to the Mountaineers, the Point Park defense gave up season highs of 92 points and 11 3-pointers. Carly Forse had 26 points before fouling out, and Sam Weir had 13 points and 13 rebounds as the Pioneers had the inside game working well. Berea had 18 of its 25 turnovers the first half, but Point Park led just 47-42, at the break.

Point Park has one of the best inside duos in the KIAC with both being freshman — C Sam Weir (14.8 ppg, 9.4 rpg, 3.1 bpg) and F Carly Forse (9.9 ppg, 7.9 rpg). The Pioneers' perimeter attack has several players contributing, including starters G Kayla Kiriau (9.0 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 3.6 apg), G Alexa Xenakis (10.2 ppg, 46 3pt FGM) and G/F Katresa Savisky (8.6 ppg). G Celina DiPietro (7.5 ppg, 27 3pt FGM), G/F Teresa Davis (6.5 ppg) and G Haley Sauer (5.2 ppg) make up the rest of the main rotation for the Pioneers, which can go as deep as 12-15 players in some games to keep fresh.

Looking ahead to possible KIAC Tournament finals opponents if necessary, Point Park split the season series with No. 2 Asbury (Ky.) with a 79-78 home win Jan. 25 and an 81-65 road loss Feb. 15. The Pioneers defeated Midway (Ky.) in both meetings, winning, 67-63, on the road Feb. 1 and 81-48 this past weekend at home Feb. 21.

## Point Park University Pioneers Roster (27-4, 13-4 KIAC)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown/High School/Prev. School
2	Kayla Kiriau	G	5-9	Jr.	Wellington, New Zealand/Sheridan (Wyo.) College
3	Katresa Savisky	G/F	5-9	Sr.	Butler, Pa./Butler HS/Butler County CC
4	Erin Gilmartin	G	5-5	Fr.	Springdale, Pa./Springdale HS
5	Carly Corcoran	G	5-6	Fr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Baldwin HS
10	Haley Sauer	G	5-8	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Shaler HS
11	Celina DiPietro	G	5-9	Fr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Bishop Canevin
12	Alexis Lyers	G	5-6	Fr.	Upper Marlboro, Md./Elizabeth Seton HS
15	Anna-Maria Boshkova	F	6-1	Sr.	Sofia, Bulgaria/22 <sup>nd</sup> High School/Fairmont St.
20	Ashley Campbell	F	5-11	Sr.	Chicora, Pa./Karns City HS/Butler County CC
22	Alexa Xenakis	G	5-6	So.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Keystone Oaks HS
23	Lauren Mrazik	G	5-6	Fr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Serra Catholic HS/Lake Erie Coll.
24	Teresa Davis	G/F	5-6	Sr.	Vermilion, Ohio/Firelands HS
32	Ja'Nia McPhatter	F	5-9	Jr.	New Castle, Pa./New Castle HS/La Roche
33	Sam Weir	C	6-0	Fr.	Ellwood City, Pa./Riverside HS/Seton Hill Univ.
34	Carly Forse	F	5-10	Fr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Bishop Canevin
42	Anna Shaw	C	6-0	Sr.	Mingo Junction, Ohio/Steubenville Cath. Central
55	Vianka Cotton	G/F	5-9	Jr.	New Hill, N.C./Holy Springs HS/UNC-Greensboro

**Head coach:** Tony Grenek (IUP '94), third season (75-18 at Point Park)

**Assistant coaches:** Brittany Dunmire, 1st season; Abby Allen, 1st season; Rich Griffin, 1st season

## Point Park University 2013-14 Season Statistics (All Games)

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(27-4)	(14-2)	(11-2)	(2-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(13-4)	(6-2)	(6-2)	(1-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(14-0)	(8-0)	(5-0)	(1-0)

##	Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		FT-FTA	Pct	----REBOUNDS----				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct			Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
33	Weir, Sam.....	31-27	760 24.5	180-340	.529	2-6	.333	97-140	.693	101	190	291	9.4	77	3	24	49	97	31	459	14.8
22	Xenakis, Alexa....	31-22	751 24.2	121-283	.428	46-138	.333	27-47	.574	23	53	76	2.5	38	0	51	51	8	31	315	10.2
34	Forse, Carly.....	31-31	762 24.6	123-256	.480	0-0	.000	61-89	.685	84	161	245	7.9	109	9	65	47	9	61	307	9.9
02	Kiriau, Kayla....	31-27	732 23.6	93-232	.401	11-42	.262	82-128	.641	63	71	134	4.3	77	4	113	118	12	60	279	9.0
03	Savisky, Katresa..	27-25	626 23.2	84-179	.469	5-27	.185	60-87	.690	54	75	129	4.8	72	2	48	50	4	28	233	8.6
11	DiPietro, Celina..	20-9	400 20.0	59-149	.396	27-88	.307	5-5	1.000	11	25	36	1.8	22	1	30	26	2	26	150	7.5
24	Davis, Teresa.....	31-11	490 15.8	79-224	.353	19-84	.226	23-43	.535	39	44	83	2.7	49	2	32	41	6	34	200	6.5
10	Sauer, Haley.....	31-3	448 14.5	62-160	.388	1-16	.063	35-59	.593	19	50	69	2.2	33	0	49	43	0	27	160	5.2
20	Campbell, Ashley..	30-0	272 9.1	33-75	.440	0-2	.000	24-30	.800	25	31	56	1.9	31	0	14	19	1	8	90	3.0
55	Cotton, Vianka....	17-0	126 7.4	13-54	.241	3-9	.333	14-20	.700	21	39	60	3.5	11	0	9	9	0	3	43	2.5
12	Lyers, Alexis.....	27-0	272 10.1	22-81	.272	7-28	.250	16-21	.762	11	21	32	1.2	40	0	27	23	0	22	67	2.5
42	Shaw, Anna.....	25-0	195 7.8	25-71	.352	0-0	.000	9-17	.529	15	31	46	1.8	20	0	3	6	1	4	59	2.4
05	Corcoran, Carly...	24-0	174 7.3	17-52	.327	15-38	.395	0-0	.000	6	18	24	1.0	10	0	11	8	0	5	49	2.0
15	Boshkova, Anna-Mari	16-0	98 6.1	15-40	.375	0-4	.000	1-3	.333	16	12	28	1.8	14	0	4	10	10	4	31	1.9
04	Gilmartin, Erin....	12-0	81 6.8	9-30	.300	1-18	.056	3-8	.375	4	7	11	0.9	10	0	10	10	0	2	22	1.8
23	Mrazik, Lauren....	8-0	36 4.5	2-17	.118	2-15	.133	2-2	1.000	2	0	2	0.3	3	0	1	2	0	1	8	1.0
TEAM.....										64	68	132	4.3	0							
Total.....		31	6223	937-2243	.418	139-515	.270	459-699	.657	558	896	1454	46.9	616	21	491	526	150	347	2472	79.7
Opponents.....		31	6214	730-1972	.370	153-521	.294	480-722	.665	452	856	1308	42.2	592	-	338	685	76	289	2093	67.5

## POINT PARK QUICK FACTS

### General Information

Location: Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Enrollment: 4,000  
 Nickname: Pioneers  
 School Colors: Green & Gold  
 Affiliation: NAIA Division II  
 Conference: KIAC  
 Facility: CCAC-South Gym (1,000)  
 President: Dr. Paul Hennigan  
 Athletic Director: Dan Swalg  
 Website: PointPark.edu/Athletics  
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### Team Information

Head Coach: Tony Grenek, 3rd year  
 Career Record: 75-18 (.806)  
 Record at Point Park: same  
 2012-13 Record: 25-7, 11-4 KIAC  
 2012-13 KIAC Tourn.: 1st place  
 NAIA DII Tourn.: L, 1st Rd (IWU)  
 Starters Returning: 3 of 5  
 Letter winners Returning: 6 of 11

### Program History

First year of Basketball: 1978-79  
 All-time Record: 392-568 (.408)  
 Conf. Tourn. Titles: '11-12, '12-13  
 NAIA DII Tourn. app: '11-12, '12-13

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