TONIGHT’S MATCHUP: GAME PREVIEW
Point Park (6-1, 0-0 KIAC) vs. West Virginia Tech (6-1, 0-0 AII)

The Matchup: Point Park hosts West Virginia Tech for an NAIA, non-conference game pitting teams that are both 6-1 on the year. Both teams are high-scoring with Point Park ranked first in NAIA DI at 103.1 points per game and West Virginia Tech ranked eighth in NAIA DI at 91.9 points per game.

The Series: Point Park leads all-time, 6-1. Tonight is the first meeting since the teams played twice in 2010-11. Point Park won at home, 91-79, and won on the road, 110-99, that year.

Key Stats: Point Park shooting versus WVU Tech rebounding: Point Park ranks 2nd in NAIA DI in 3pt FGs made per game at 11.4. WVU Tech is 2nd in NAIA DI in rebounds per game at 50.4.

POINT PARK PIONEERS
 Pos. | Ht. | Cl. | Home Town (Prev. School) | PPG | RPG
---|---|---|---|---|---
00 | Jerah’me Williams | G | 5-9 | Jr. | Youngstown, Ohio (Lourdes Univ.) | 23.3 | 4.3
32 | Sa’iid Allen | G | 6-3 | Fr. | Baton Rouge, La. | 14.1 | 2.6
22 | Yandel Denis | G/F | 6-4 | Jr. | Brooklyn, N.Y. (Erie CC) | 12.3 | 6.2
3 | Barry Smith | G/F | 6-6 | Sr. | Penn Hills, Pa. (Bethune-Cookman) | 14.6 | 10.4
10 | Alan Heter | F | 6-7 | Sr. | McKees Rock, Pa. (Edinboro) | 14.6 | 8.4
1 | Ra’Shaud Kincaid | G | 5-8 | So. | South Charleston, W.Va. | 10.5 | 3.3
15 | Jaren Marino | G | 6-2 | Sr. | Dunbar, W.Va. | 10.7 | 5.1
24 | Leon Cooper, Jr. | G | 6-2 | Sr. | Freeport, Bahamas | 11.6 | 2.1
22 | Jauries Thomas | F | 6-6 | Sr. | Hahnville, La. | 17.1 | 11.7
32 | Sharife Sergeant | C | 6-8 | Sr. | St. John’s, Antigua | 15.4 | 9.1

WEST VIRGINIA TECH GOLDEN BEARS
 Pos. | Ht. | Cl. | Home Town | PPG | RPG
---|---|---|---|---|---
1 | RR Golden Bears | G | 5-8 | Sr. | Hinton, W.Va. | 19.1 | 11.2
16 | WVU Tech | G | 6-7 | Sr. | Hinton, W.Va. | 19.1 | 11.2
18 | WVU Tech | G | 6-7 | Sr. | Hinton, W.Va. | 19.1 | 11.2
15 | WVU Tech | F | 6-8 | Sr. | Hinton, W.Va. | 19.1 | 11.2
22 | WVU Tech | F | 6-8 | Sr. | Hinton, W.Va. | 19.1 | 11.2
32 | WVU Tech | F | 6-8 | Sr. | Hinton, W.Va. | 19.1 | 11.2

**PROBABLE STARTERS**

Quick Hits: The Pioneers are 6-1 on the year and have won four games in a row. Point Park leads the country in scoring at 103.1 points per game. The Pioneers return home tonight, where they are 2-0 at CCAC-South Gym.

Last Game: Won at PSU-Beaver, 108-92, Monday, Nov. 24. Jerah’me Williams had 27 points and 10 assists, and Barry Smith added 23 points and 15 rebounds. The Pioneers had five players in double figures including Yandel Denis with 15 and T.J. Lanier and Art Christian with 18 and 16, respectively, off the bench.


Key Players: The Pioneers have six players averaging double figures led by point guard Jerah’me Williams (23.3 ppg, 8.8 apg). Forward Barry Smith (14.6 ppg, 10.4 rpg) is the leading rebounder.

NAIA Stats: Point Park in the NAIA DI statistical rankings: 1st in PPG (103.1), 1st in Turnover Margin (+8.33), 2nd in 3pt FG per game (11.4), 5th in assists per game (21.1), 6th in scoring margin (+23.0).

Century Mark: The Pioneers have eclipsed 100 points in 4 of 7 games thus far. That included a school record for points in a single game with a 143-70 win over Great Lakes Christian to open the season.

Preseason: The Pioneers have two starters returning from last year’s team that was 11-17 overall for 26th-year head coach Bob Rager. Point Park was picked 3rd of 5 teams in the KIAC North Division in the preseason poll.

Next Up: Point Park has four games next week. The Pioneers host UMKF Monday at 4 p.m., visit West Virginia Tech Tuesday at 7 p.m., host Wash. Adventist Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and host #19 CCCU Dec. 6 at 3 p.m.

WEST VIRGINIA TECH TEAM NOTES

Quick Hits: The Golden Bears started the season 6-0 before losing their last game, 89-87, to Washington Adventist on Nov. 22. A common opponent to Point Park, the Pioneers beat Washington Adventist, 80-70. WVU Tech is 8th in NAIA DI in scoring (91.9 ppg) and 2nd in the country in total rebounding (50.4 rpg).

Last Year: WVU Tech was 19-13 a year ago and made it to the semifinals of the Association of Independent Institutions conference tournament. The Golden Bears have averaged 20 wins per season the last three years.

Head Coach: Bob Williams, 13th year at WVU Tech, 19th year overall. Career Record: 297-267.

Key Players: Six players average in double figures led by the inside duo of 6-6 forward Jauries Thomas (17.1 ppg, 11.7 rpg) and 6-8 center Sharife Sergeant (15.4 ppg, 9.1 rpg).

NAIA Stats: West Virginia Tech in the NAIA DI statistical rankings: 1st in Offensive Rebounds per Game (22.4), 2nd in Total Rebounds per game (50.4), 3rd in Rebounding Margin (+16.5), 5th in total assists (136).
**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
- 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 Playoffs: 18 NAIA Tournaments
- 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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