

FIGHTING SCOT BASKETBALL

Edinboro University

VS

Point Park College

McComb Fieldhouse November 30, 1992

Edinboro Fighting Scots



NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
4	Ernest Giles	G	5-10	160	Fr.	Pittsburgh/Taylor Alderdice
14	Phillip Melton	F	6-3	185	Fr.	Philadelphia/Bartram
20	Lasana Crider	F	6-5	200	Jr.	Oak Village, Ohio/Chanel
24	Sean Gibson	F	6-3	200	Sr.	Pittsburgh/Langley
25	Ron Santiago	G	6-0	165	Jr.	Oakville, Ontario/Loyola
30	Exavier Zollicoffer	F	6-3	205	Jr.	Canton, Ohio/McKinley
32	Greg Fox	G	6-1	170	Sr.	Apollo/Apollo
33	Sam Dickerson	F	6-6	215	Sr.	Bedford Heights, Ohio/Bedford Hts.
34	Alex Boyden	F	6-3	185	Jr.	Wilksburg/Wilksburg
40	Chris Paris	F	6-3	180	So.	Wattsburg/Seneca
42	Adam Cheek	G	6-3	180	Sr.	Louisville, KY/Ballard
44	Keith Perry	F	6-4	180	Fr.	West Mifflin/West Mifflin
50	Junior Simpson	C	6-9	215	Sr.	Barberton, Ohio/Barberton

Head Coach: Greg Walcavich (4th season)

Assistant Coach: Sterling Washington, Jr.

Manager: Joseph Nasal

1992-93 Results

Nov. 20	Alaska-Anchorage	A	83-89
21	Alaska-Anchorage	A	92-116
24	Alaska-Fairbanks	A	
25	Alaska-Fairbanks	A	
30	Point Park	H	
Dec. 3	Gannon	A	
9	Mercyhurst	H	
11	West Va. Wesleyan	H	
19	Cheyney	H	
Jan. 4	Fairmont State	A	
8-9	Bloomsburg Tourn.	A	
13	Gannon	H	
16	Columbia Union	H	
20	Slippery Rock	H	
23	Lock Haven	H	
25	Clarion	A	
27	Pitt-Johnstown	H	
30	California	H	
Feb. 3	IUP	A	
6	Shippensburg	H	
10	Slippery Rock	A	
13	Lock Haven	A	
15	Clarion	H	
17	Mercyhurst	A	
20	California	A	
24	IUP	H	
27	Shippensburg	A	
28	Millersville	A	
Mar. 5-6	PSAC Championship		

Point Park Pioneers

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
11	Brian Guerrieri	G	5-10	145	So.	Cheswick/Springdale
12	Brian Tomasic	G	6-0	165	So.	Munhall/Steel Valley
20	Tim Lackner	G	6-0	165	Jr.	Mayfield Hts., Ohio/Mayfield Village
23	Roger Mahaffey	F	6-4	178	Sr.	Pittsburgh/Langley
24	Kenny Walls	C	6-5	195	So.	Pittsburgh/Peabody
32	Randy Smith	G	6-3	205	Sr.	Cleveland Hts., Ohio/Cleveland Hts.
34	Dane Cosby	G/F	6-3	180	Jr.	Aliquippa/Moon
45	Lance Harrell	G	6-3	195	Jr.	Pittsburgh/Brashear
50	Tom Raglin	G	6-2	180	Fr.	McKeesport/McKeesport

Head Coach: Bob Rager (4th season)

Assistant Coaches: Sam Kosanovich, Ed Meena

SCOTS SEARCHING FOR ELUSIVE PSAC TITLE

In his three seasons as coach of the Edinboro University men's basketball team, head coach Greg Walcavich has led his squad to 60 victories. But as he enters the 1992-93 campaign, the veteran coach wants only one win...the one that will propel his club to the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference championship and into the NCAA Division II national tournament.

"We've come as close as you can (to winning the conference title)," says Walcavich. "We've finished second in each of the last three years. We could have won it at some point in the last three years, but we haven't been able to do that."

"I would like to be able to win the (PSAC) West, and I would like for us to be able to go into the four team playoff and win that, and I'd like to be able to get to the NCAA's. But we really have a difficult time setting our goals beyond winning the West, because we haven't been able to do that."

And winning the West this season certainly won't be an easy task. Not with the likes of Slippery Rock, IUP, Lock Haven, Clarion and Shippensburg all figuring to be vastly improved, to say nothing of defending PSAC

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champion and Final Four participant California.

"I would think that, aside from California and us, that everybody (in the West) would expect that they would be better than they were last year," says the Scots' head man. "I don't know that we and California can't be better but I would guess that everybody else feels like they're going to be much improved."

But in order for Edinboro to improve on its 20-9 (9-3 in the West) record of a year ago, it must not only overcome conference foes but also a brutal non-conference schedule. The slate includes NCAA Division II powers Alaska-Anchorage and Alaska-Fairbanks, PSAC East foes Cheyney and Millersville, as well as rivals Gannon and Mercyhurst.

"I doubt that you could find a time in Edinboro history that the schedule has been as demanding as it will be this year," admits Walcavich. "And I am certain that you couldn't find a four-year period in a row where the schedule has been as demanding as ours has been."

But the good news for Walcavich is that he returns his most experienced group including guard Adam Cheek, the Boro's leading scorer and a unanimous PSAC West First Team pick last year.

Other returnees include seniors Greg Fox, Sam Dickerson and Junior Simpson; juniors Lasana Crider, Ron Santiago and Exavier Zollicoffer; and freshman Keith Perry.

Cheek, a 6-foot 2-inch senior, averaged 20.5 points per game last season and established several school records, including most points in a season (594). For his efforts, he was named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches All-East Region Second Team. Cheek is also the Scots' top returning rebounder (6.7 rpg).

Joining Cheek in the backcourt will be the versatile Fox, who dished out 103 assists last year (second on the team to graduated point guard Derek Walton). At 6-0, Fox scored 3.4 points per game a year ago. The 5-10 Santiago (2.0 ppg, 1.2 apg) will add depth at the guard spot.

Up front, the 6-9 Simpson gets the nod at center,

after posting a team-high 49 blocks. Simpson, who has been plagued by injuries throughout his Boro career, averaged 7.0 points per game last year. The 6-7 Crider (3.2 ppg, 2.3 rpg) will push Simpson for

playing time.

At forward, Walcavich will turn to a stable of players to pick up the slack left by the departed Aaron Brown and Torry Rollins. Heading that list of hopefuls are Zollicoffer (6-3), Dickerson (6-6), Perry (6-4) and newcomers Alex Boyden and Sean Gibson. Zollicoffer averaged 6.5 points in 27 games a year ago, while Dickerson scored at a 3.5 clip in 20 contests.

Both Perry, a redshirt freshman, and Boyden, a transfer from Allegheny County Community College in Pittsburgh, will see their first action this season. Gibson was the Scots' second-leading scorer in 1990-91, averaging 14.4 points per contest.

Edinboro begins its quest to reach the national playoffs for the first time since 1986, with a trip to Alaska to take on the University of Alaska-Anchorage and Alaska-Fairbanks beginning Nov. 20. The Scots open their home slate Nov. 30 against Point Park.