

15th ANNUAL FIGHTING SCOT TOURNAMENT

Saturday, November 28 & Sunday, November 29, 1998
hosted by Edinboro University

Saturday, November 28

Mercyhurst vs. St. Vincent

3:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 29

Edinboro vs. LaRoche

5:30 p.m.

Consolation Game

1:00 p.m.

Championship Game

3:00 p.m.



THE 1997-98 FIGHTING SCOT TOURNAMENT: Edinboro captured the 14th Annual Fighting Scot Invitational thanks to a 71-59 triumph over West Liberty. The Fighting Scots advanced to the tourney title match with an 83-58 victory over Daemen, fueled by 19 points from Heather Gates and 17 points apiece from Meghan Miller and Jessica Rowe. West Liberty defeated St. Michael's to reach the title tilt, but the Boro grabbed an 18-point halftime lead and was never seriously challenged in the second half. Gates again led the way with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

PREVIEWING THE 15th ANNUAL FIGHTING SCOT TOURNAMENT: The 1998-99 tournament field showcases a pair of teams who just met a week ago in the Lady Laker Classic in Edinboro and Mercyhurst. The Fighting Scots prevailed in that affair by an 82-71 margin, and then improved to 4-0 with an 88-30 victory over D'Youville on Tuesday. Mercyhurst, meanwhile, boosted its record to 3-2 with a 71-54 win over Roberts Wesleyan the same evening. St. Vincent, the Lady Lakers' foe on Saturday, is 4-2 after winning once in three outings at last weekend's National Catholic Basketball Tournament in Dubuque, Iowa. LaRoche will debut the 1998-99 season against the Boro in Saturday's second contest. The Lady RedHawks finished with a 11-14 ledger last season.

EDINBORO FIGHTING SCOTS

Record: 4-0

Head Coach: Stan Swank

A year ago, the Fighting Scots won eight straight contests to open the season. Coach Stan Swank's '98-99 edition is halfway there following Tuesday's 88-30 win over D'Youville. Edinboro has posted some impressive figures along the way, outscoring opponents by 30.8 ppg. while limiting the opposition to 31.2 percent shooting from the floor and forcing 27.5 turnovers per game. Edinboro was 23-8 a year ago, reaching the PSAC Finals and the receiving a berth in the NCAA Division II Playoffs.

SCOUTING THE FIGHTING SCOTS: Balance has been the key word for the Scots. Four players are scoring in double figures, led by junior **Marin Hightower** at 18.5 ppg. The 6'1" forward is also the second-leading rebounder at 9.0 per game. She is shooting 68.8 percent from the floor. Hightower had career highs of 22 points and 18 rebounds in last weeks' meeting with Mercyhurst ... sophomore **Kim Vay**, the top frontcourt reserve, stands second in scoring at 12.8 ppg. A transfer from California(Pa.), the 5'10" forward also pulls down 6.0 rpg., and has displayed a soft shooting touch, making good on 65.6 percent of her field goals ... like Vay, center **Kelli Torboli** played at California(Pa.) a year ago. The 6'0" senior averages 10.0 points and a team-high

Edinboro Fighting Scots (4-0)

						Ppg.	Rpg.
F	33	Marin Hightower	6-1	Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA	20.3	10.7
F	21	Dana Polakowski	5-11	Jr.	Edinboro, PA	8.0	4.7
C	40	Kelli Torboli	6-0	Sr.	Washington, PA	11.0	12.3
G	50	Meghan Miller	5-7	Sr.	Wexford, PA	9.0	18 asts.
G	34	Jessica Rowe	5-8	Jr.	Columbus, OH	10.0	10 asts.
G	12	Julie McNees	5-6	So.	Beaver Falls, PA	4.0	1.5
F	13	Kim Vay	5-10	So.	Herminie, PA	13.0	6.3
G/F	3	Korie Morton	5-9	Fr.	Pittsburgh, PA	7.7	4.0

HEAD COACH: Stan Swank (201-115, 12th year)

12.0 rebounds. She has been inconsistent from the floor, making just 11 of 31 field goals (35.5 percent), but has a knack for getting to the line, making 18 of 25 free throws (72.0 percent). Torboli also leads the team with 8 blocked shots ... junior **Jessica Rowe** rounds out the quartet of double figure operatives. The 5'8" guard enters the tournament averaging 10.0 ppg, and stands second on the team in both assists (15) and steals (11). Rowe has moved into 18th place in career scoring with 908 points ... senior **Meghan Miller**, provides the Boro with an excellent one-two punch at guard along with Rowe. The 5'7" point guard averages 9.5 ppg., but most impressively, has 21 assists and just 5 turnovers. Miller also leads the team with 12 steals. She had 11 points vs. D'Youville, boosting her career total to 1,192 points, ninth all-time. In addition, she ranks fifth in

career assists with 361 ... junior **Dana Polakowski**, a former standout at General McLane High School, completes the starting lineup. A transfer from UNC-Asheville, the 5'11" junior averages 7.5 ppg. and 4.5 rpg., along with 10 steals ... along with Vay, the bench showcases freshman **Korie Morton** and sophomore **Julie McNees**. Morton hails from

a powerful Woodland Hills High School program. A 5'9" guard/forward, she is averaging 6.2 points and 4.5 rebounds. McNees is a 5'6" sophomore previously known for her defense. However, she has exhibited a solid jumper while playing in three games, averaging 5.0 ppg.

MERCYHURST LADY LAKERS

Record: 3-2

Head Coach: Jim Webb

This marks the third tournament Mercyhurst has played in at the start of the season. The Lady Lakers finished third in the Clarion Tournament, losing a double overtime decision to Bloomsburg, then rebounding for a 69-46 win over Westminster. Mercyhurst then hosted the Lady Laker Classic, edging Clarion, 70-66, before dropping an 82-71 decision to Edinboro. Coach Jim Webb's team finally played its first contest not in a tournament format this past Tuesday, claiming a 71-54 win over Roberts Wesleyan.

SCOUTING THE LADY LAKERS: Webb employs a youthful lineup featuring three sophomores, and possibly a freshman. The backcourt was dealt a blow, however, with the loss of junior Katie Vogt to a knee injury. The former Girard High School standout is not expected back for this weekend's action. She was averaging 6.3 ppg. and 3.7 rpg. while starting the first three contests ... the Lady Lakers average 71.6 ppg., while giving up 66.0 ppg. Two numbers speak volumes for Mercyhurst's three wins, and the two setbacks. The Lady Lakers are forcing 22.0 turnovers per game, while turning it over just 13.8 times themselves. In fact, Mercyhurst has been the lone team to withstand the Boro's pressure tactics, committing just 14 miscues in the first meeting. However, the Lady Lakers lose the battle of the glass by 12.0 rebounds per contest. The Fighting Scots contributed greatly to those figures, outrebounding Mercyhurst, 53-34 ... sophomores **Amy Galla** and **Meredith Koncsol** form a strong frontcourt tandem. Galla, a former star at Mercyhurst Prep, is a 5'11" forward who leads the team in scoring (17.8 ppg.) and is second in rebounding (6.8 rpg.). She has had to play an ironman role,

averaging over 37 minutes a game. Koncsol reverses numbers with Galla, standing second in scoring (14.4 ppg.) while leading the way in clearing the glass (8.8 rpg.). The 6'0" forward has a surprising outside touch, pacing the Lady Lakers with 9 treys in 29 attempts, and is the team-leader in assists with 16 ... sophomore **Jodie Maxim** is the third Lady Laker in double digits. The 5'5" guard averages 13.4 ppg., and is even grabbing 6.0 boards. She also has 11 steals ... Webb's three-guard lineup also employs junior Regina Ely and either freshman **Katie Hardesty** or junior **Susan Macmaster**. Ely comes in at 7.2 ppg., along with 11 assists and a team-leading 14 steals. Hardesty (0.8 ppg.) took Vogt's place in the lineup against Roberts Wesleyan, while Macmaster (4.0 ppg., 3.4 rpg.) started vs. the Boro ... look for sophomore **Rebecca Sandor** to see more and more playing time. A year ago she was one of the top performers for Gannon. Now the 5'6" guard, an outstanding outside shooter, has taken her talents to rival Mercyhurst. She has only been eligible for two games, averaging 5.5 ppg. and 3.0 rpg... freshman **Krista Usher**, a 6'0" forward, is the main reserve up front. Usher is averaging 7.6 ppg. along with 4.0 rpg., while making 12 of 19 field goal tries (63.2 percent).

Mercyhurst Lady Lakers (3-2)

						Ppg.	Rpg.
F	43	Amy Galla	5-11	So.	Erie, PA	17.8	6.8
F	33	Meredith Koncsol	6-0	So.	North Versailles, PA	17.4	8.8
G	11	Jodie Maxim	5-5	So.	Wareham, MA	13.4	6.0
G	13	Katie Hardesty	5-6	Fr.	Coshocton, OH	0.8	0.3
or	22	Susan Macmaster	5-8	Jr.	Sault Ste. Marie, MI	4.0	3.4
G	12	Regina Ely	5-5	Jr.	Bohemia, NY	7.2	11 asts.
F	45	Krista Usher	6-0	Fr.	Perryopolis, PA	7.6	4.0
G	10	Rebecca Sandor	5-6	So.	Avon Lake, OH	5.5	3.0

HEAD COACH: Jim Webb (66-47, 5th year)

LAROCHE REDHAWKS

Record: 0-0 (11-14 in 1997-98)

Head Coach: Orié Gentile

While the other teams in the Fighting Scot Invitational are battle tested, LaRoche debuts for the 1998-99 campaign this weekend. The RedHawks were 11-14 a year ago, and return virtually every key performer from that team.

SCOUTING THE REDHAWKS: LaRoche is a defensive-oriented team, scoring 58.2 ppg. a year ago, but giving up just 54.6 points an outing.

LaRoche Lady RedHawks (0-0)

						Ppg.	Rpg.
F	55	Stephanie Pencak	5-10	So.	Vandergrift, PA	8.7	7.3
F	10	Erin Havrilla	5-8	So.	Pittsburgh, PA	4.1	2.5
C	40	Cristin Cousins	5-10	So.	Kittanning, PA	9.1	7.2
G	31	Michelle Eannace	5-7	Sr.	Burgettstown, PA	9.1	3.7
G	11	Kristy Hiben	5-4	Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA	8.3	56 asts.
F	00	Barbara Davis	5-10	So.	Olmstead Falls, OH	3.0	3.0

statistics are from 1997-98

HEAD COACH: Orié Gentile

Amazingly, not one player on coach Orié Gentile's team averaged in double figures. Equally amazing, LaRoche shot just 33.5 percent as a team. However, the '98-99 RedHawks should benefit from the fact four sophomores saw considerable action as freshman ... sophomore **Cristin Cousins** and senior **Michelle Eannace** led in scoring at 9.1 ppg. each. Cousins, a 5'10" forward/center, also pulled down 7.2 rpg. and had a team-high 59 steals. Eannace, a 5'7" guard, was one of the team's top three-point threat with 27 in 80 tries ... sophomore **Stephanie Pencak**, a 5'10" forward, led LaRoche in rebounding, pulling down 7.3 missed

shots per game. Pencak also averaged 8.7 ppg. and had a team-high 13 blocked shots ... 5'4" junior **Kristy Hiben** is the RedHawk's floor general. She averaged 8.3 ppg. last season, in addition to handing out a team-high 56 assists. Hiben made a team-best 28 of 83 triples, along with recording 43 steals ... the fifth starter will likely be either **Erin Havrilla** or **Barbara Davis**. Havrilla, a 5'8" sophomore, scored at a 4.1 ppg. clip and made 11 three-pointers, while Davis was at 3.0 ppg. and 3.0 rpg. Davis is a 5'10" sophomore.

ST. VINCENT BEARCATS

Record: 4-2

Coach: Kristen Zawacki

St. Vincent is another tournament-tested team appearing in the Fighting Scot Invitational. The Bearcats, 26-4 and an NAIA Playoff outfit in '97-98, have already appeared in the California(Pa.) Tournament and the National Catholic Basketball Tournament, the latter a prestigious three-day event held in Dubuque, Iowa last weekend.

Veteran coach Kristen Zawacki has posted an impressive 308-135 record, and is in her 16th season. To date, the Bearcats are 4-2, capturing the California(Pa.) Tournament with wins over Charleston (70-40) and the host Vulcans (69-57). St. Vincent lost two of three games in Dubuque, but by a total of five points.

SCOUTING THE BEARCATS: St. Vincent is the second highest-scoring outfit in the tourney field, averaging 70.8 ppg. The Bearcats also know how to play defense, giving up just 53.7 ppg. and forcing 29 turnovers per contest. In fact, Siena Heights, a 63-60 winner over the Bearcats, is the lone outfit to reach the 60-point plateau. Opponents are shooting just 33.1 percent ... leading the way is sophomore **Nina Turcic**. The 5'7" guard is averaging 15.5 ppg., and is the main three-point threat with 15 in 35 attempts. Turcic dropped in 26 points vs. California(Pa.). She also has 12 steals ... 5'10" junior forward **Tara Cochrane** is next in scor-

ing at 11.8 ppg., along with 5.7 rpg... multi-talented **Aimee Young** was an All-Tournament selection at the National Catholic Tournament. The 5'9" junior knows how to fill up a boxscore. She averages 11.4 points and 5.7 rebounds, along with leading the Bearcats in assists (29) and steals (38) ... senior **Marcee Petrarca** and freshman **Kelly Morda** round out the starting five. Petrarca, a 5'10" forward, averages 5.7 ppg. and a team-high 6.7 rpg. Morda is a highly-touted first-year performer who scored over 2,000 career points at Ford City High School. She is currently at 9.0 ppg. and 4.7 rpg. In addition, Morda has posted 17 steals ... bench strength is supplied by the Berretts, Becky and Jenny, and **Jamie Hackel**. **Becky Berrett**, a 5'9" sophomore, averages 6.0 ppg., while **Jenny Berrett**, also a 5'9" sophomore, is at 4.2 ppg. and 4.8 rpg. Hackel, a 5'7" junior, comes in at 5.3 ppg.

St. Vincent Bearcats (4-2)

						Ppg.	Rpg.
F	35	Marcee Petrarca	5-10	Sr.	Cresson, PA	5.7	6.7
F	33	Tara Cochrane	5-10	Jr.	Uniontown, PA	11.8	5.7
G	21	Nina Turcic	5-7	So.	Brownsville, PA	15.5	3.0
G	32	Aimee Young	5-9	Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA	11.4	29 asts.
G	44	Kelly Morda	5-9	Fr.	Ford City, PA	9.0	4.7
G/F	53	Jenny Berrett	5-9	So.	Irwin, PA	4.2	4.8
G	51	Becky Berrett	5-9	So.	Irwin, PA	6.0	1.7
G	31	Jamie Hackel	5-7	Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA	5.3	0.7

HEAD COACH: Kristen Zawacki

Edinboro Career Scoring Leaders

Rank	Player (Years)	Points
7.	Tammy Walker-Strode (1990-92)	1273
8.	Jeannine Jean-Pierre (1991-93)	1203
9.	Meghan Miller (1995-present)	1192
10.	Audrey Scott (1976-80)	1191
11.	Ellen Mulligan (1980-84)	1169
12.	Amy Rapelje (1994-98)	1105
13.	Mary Ann Chilcott (1981-85)	1068
14.	Lori Dolby (1977-80)	1067
15.	Pam Artman (1991-95)	1021
16.	Sheilah Collins (1974-77)	1001
17.	Mary Beth Heise (1981-85)	932
18.	Jessica Rowe (1996-present)	908

Edinboro Career Assist Leaders

Rank	Player (Years)	Assists
3.	Desiree Alexander (1990-92)	392
4.	Lori Montgomery (1992-96)	382
5.	Meghan Miller (1995-present)	361
6.	Andrea Martre (1988-90)	340
7.	Sheilah Collins (1974-77)	323
8.	Robyn Boyd (1982-86)	302
9.	Mary Ann Chilcutt (1981-85)	271
10.	Jessica Rowe (1996-present)	240

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania 1998-99 Fighting Scot Numerical Roster

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Yr	Hometown/High School
3	Korie Morton	G/F	5-11	Fr	Pittsburgh, PA/Woodland Hills
10	Kelli Stovell	G	5-5	Fr	Wilksburg, PA/Wilksburg
12	Julie McNees	G	5-6	So	South Beaver, PA/Blackhawk
13	Kim Vay	F	5-10	So	Lowber, PA/Yough
14	Cara Peyton	G	5-7	Jr	Cincinnati, OH/McAuley
21	Dana Polakowski	G/F	5-11	Jr	Edinboro, PA/General McLane
31	Courtney Cable	C	6-1	Fr	Fairmont, WV/East Fairmont
32	Gina Flukas	G	5-5	Fr	Pittsburgh, PA/Chartiers Valley
33	Marin Hightower	F	6-1	Jr	Pittsburgh, PA/Perry Traditional Academy
34	Jessica Rowe	G	5-8	Jr	Columbus, OH/ St. Francis DeSales
40	Kelli Torboli	F	6-0	Sr	Washington, PA/Trinity
44	Shaylyn Rosello	G	5-8	Fr	Washington, PA/Washington
45	Michelle Bowen	G	6-0	Fr	Rochester, NY/Churchville-Chili
50	Meghan Miller	G	5-7	Sr	Wexford, PA/North Catholic

Head Coach: Stan Swank (Purdue University, 1976)

Assistant Coach: Pam Artman (Edinboro University, 1995)

Student Assistant Coach: Lou Zadecky

Mercyhurst College 1998-99 Lady Lakers Numerical Roster

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Yr	Hometown/High School
10	Rebecca Sandor	G	5-6	So	Avon Lake, OH/Avon Lake
11	Jodie Maxim	G	5-5	So	Wareham, MA/Wareham
12	Regina Ely	G	5-5	Jr	Bohemia, NY/Connetquot
13	Katie Hardesty	G	5-6	Fr	Coshocton, OH/River View
14	Launa Jones	G	5-5	So	Tiona, PA/Sheffield
33	Meredith Koncsol	F	6-0	So	North Versailles, PA/Serra Catholic
22	Susan Macmaster	G	5-8	Jr	Sault Ste. Marie, MI/Sault Area
23	Ebony Craft	G/F	5-10	Fr	Twinsburg, OH/R.B. Chamberlin
24	Katie Vogt	G	5-10	Jr	Girard, PA/Girard
43	Amy Galla	F	5-11	So	Erie, PA/Mercyhurst Prep
44	Amber Owens	C	6-2	Fr	Morgantown, WV/Morgantown
45/50	Krista Usher	F	6-0	Fr	Perryopolis, PA/Geibel Catholic

Head Coach: Jim Webb

Assistant Coaches: Rick Gudowski and Kristen Baginski

Saint Vincent College 1998-99 Bearcats Numerical Roster

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Yr	Hometown
12	Aimee Sodenkamp	G	5-6	Fr	St. Petersburg, FL
21	Nin Turcic	G	5-7	So	Brownsville, PA
30	Kristin Davie	G	5-6	So	Willard, NY
31	Jamie Hackel	G	5-7	Jr	Pittsburgh, PA
32	Aimee Young	G	5-9	Jr	Pittsburgh, PA
33	Tara Cochrane	F/C	5-10	Jr	Uniontown, PA
35	Marcee Petrarca	F	5-10	Sr	Cresson, PA
42	Christin Coleman	G	5-6	Fr	Gibsonia, PA
44	Kelly Morda	G	5-9	Fr	Ford City, PA
51	Becky Berrett	G	5-9	So	Irwin, PA
52	Theresa Dannhardt	F	5-10	Jr	Greensburg, PA
53	Jenny Berrett	G/F	5-9	So	Irwin, PA

Head Coach: Kristin Zawacki

Assistant Coaches: Lisa Dorenkamp and Mark Hozak

La Roche College 1998-99 Lady RedHawks Numerical Roster

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Yr	Hometown/High School
00	Barbara Davis	F	5-10	So	Olmstead Falls, OH/Olmstead Falls
10	Erin Havrilla	F	5-8	So	Pittsburgh, PA/Vincentian
11	Kristy Hiben	G	5-4	Jr	Pittsburgh, PA/Vincentian
12	Nikki Quader	G	5-5	Fr	Burgettstown, PA/Avella
22	Cathy Alton	G	5-3	So	Sherwood, MD/Sherwood
23	Angela Scobbo	G	5-3	Fr	Pittsburgh, PA/Vincentian
24	Danielle Pagley	G	5-2	Fr	Ellwood City, PA/Ellwood City
30	Erica Swiatek	F	5-10	Fr	Brunswick, OH/Padua Franciscan
31	Michelle Eannace	G	5-7	Sr	Burgettstown, PA/Burgettstown
40	Cristin Cousins	F/C	5-10	So	Kittanning, PA/Kittanning
45	Tara Naberezny	C	6-1	Fr	Pittsburgh, PA/Vincentian
55	Stephanie Pencak	F	5-10	So	Vandergrift, PA/Kiski Area

Head Coach: Orie Gentile

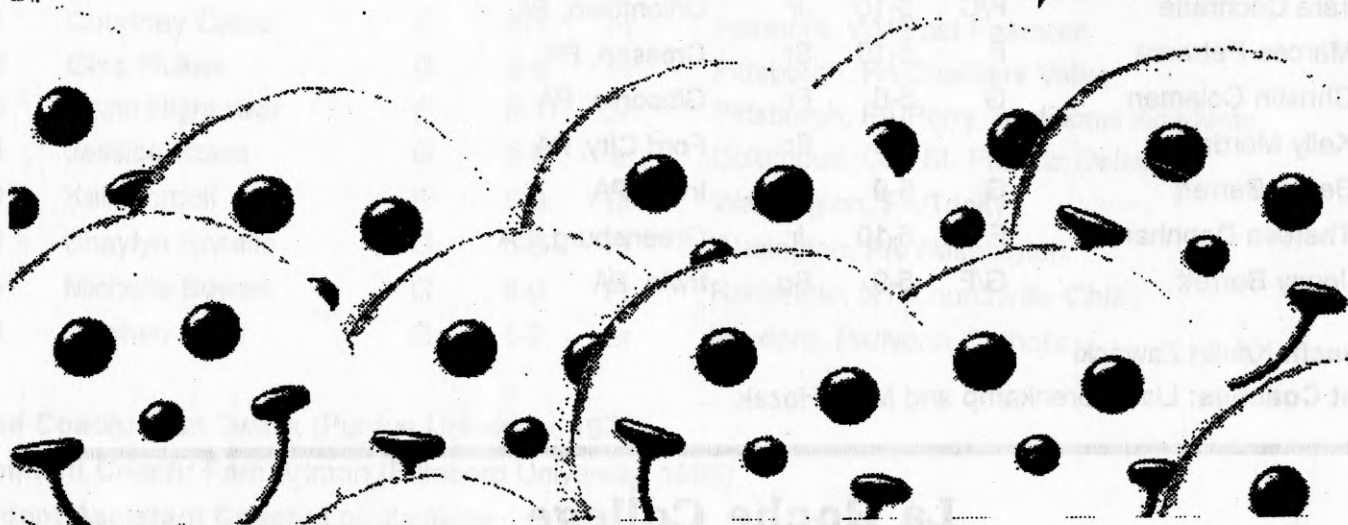
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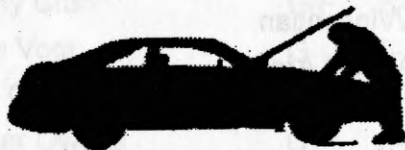
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