

Scots Host Pitt-Johnstown in Regional Showdown!

6 p.m. Sunday Game at McComb Features NCAA Playoff Hopefuls

The Edinboro men's basketball team will host the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown on Sunday (Feb. 15) at 6 p.m. at McComb Fieldhouse in a game featuring two teams battling for a coveted NCAA Division II playoff berth.

Edinboro has won 19 of its last 21 games, including six straight contests. Wednesday night's 95-90 victory over Indiana (Pa.) improved the Boro's record to 21-5 overall, and 9-1 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Western Division.

Edinboro can clinch a share of the PSAC West crown and a No. 1 seed in the conference post-season tournament with a win next Wednesday (Feb. 18) at Clarion, or next Saturday (Feb. 21) at California (Pa). The Scots can finish no lower than second in the PSAC West and are assured of hosting a PSAC tournament game on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

HOWEVER...as important as the conference race is, Sunday's game could be a key factor in Edinboro's hopes of securing an NCAA Division II post-season tournament berth.

UPJ is 20-3 on the season after nipping West Chester, 74-72, on the road Wednesday night. The Mountain Cats were ranked third in the NCAA Division II East region this week, while Edinboro was tied for sixth. UPJ also was ranked 13th nationally in the NABC/Division II Bulletin poll.

With two starters battling the flu on Wednesday, (leading scorer Warren Chance and point guard Adam Kaufman) sophomore forward Dwayne Butler came through in the clutch, scoring a career-high 28 points. Butler added five boards, four assists, three steals, and a blocked shot to lead four players in double digits.

Senior Jesse Ogden had 20 points as he connected on six three-point attempts. He now has hit 84 threes this season to lead the PSAC (3.2 per game) and 302 during his career. Only 18 players in Division II history had made 300 or more treys in a career entering this season. Ogden needs six more threes to tie Lock Haven's Mike Shue for fourth place on the PSAC all-time list. Chance, the PSAC West Player of the Week and the Scots' leading scorer this season, added 18 points for the Boro, while freshman center Amos Upshaw collected his sixth double-double in eight games, scoring 14 points and grabbing a team-best 10 rebounds.

Kaufman, a true freshman, added eight more assists to become just the second Edinboro player to top 200 in a season. He now has 201 this year and is currently ranked seventh in the country, and tops in the PSAC, in assists per game (7.7 per contest). Kaufman needs just 22 more assists to break Greg Fox's school-record of 222 set in 1992-93

The Scots have shown their depth in past weeks with several players stepping up in each game. In the win over the Indians, Edinboro received key minutes off the bench from guards Asmara Vasser and Dominic Robinson, and forward Troy Stout. Vasser dished out five assists and hit nine of 10 free throws. Robinson went three of four from the line and added two rebounds, a steal, and an assist. Stout provided the Scots with a physical inside presence in his nine quality minutes.

Fans are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to Sunday's game to benefit the Edinboro Food Bank in exchange for a coupon good for a McDonald's hamburger or cheeseburger.

Up Next:

The Fighting Scot men's and women's basketball teams will travel to Clarion on Wednesday (Feb. 18) for a PSAC West doubleheader. The Scots close out the regular season at California (Pa.) on Saturday (Feb. 21) The women tip-off at 6 p.m. both nights, with the men starting at 8 p.m. The Boro women, now 18-6 overall and 7-3 in the PSAC West, are assured of a playoff berth. A win at Clarion would lock up a first-round home game.

Sunday's Probable Starters

Edinboro Fighting Scots (21-5, 9-1)

F	44	Warren Chance	6-1	So
		19.2 ppg, 5.9 rpg		
F	30	Dwayne Butler	6-6	So
		14.8 ppg, 5.8 rpg		
C	05	Amos Upshaw	6-7	Fr
		11.2 ppg, 9.2 rpg		
G	22	Adam Kaufman	5-11	Fr
		5.8 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 7.7 apg		
G	25	Jesse Ogden	6-5	Sr
		11.7 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 3.2 3's/gm		

Pitt-Johnstown Mountain Cats (20-3)

G	12	Emmanuel Richardson	5-9	Sr
		5.8 ppg, 3.6 rpg		
G	22	Josue Nieves	6-3	Jr
		3.3 ppg, 3.3 rpg		
C	23	Justin Walther	6-6	So
		17.3 ppg, 7.9 rpg		
F	35	Delvin Herring	6-1	Sr
		15.3 ppg, 5.5 rpg		
F	32	Chris Rhames	6-5	Sr
		18.6 ppg, 7.8 rpg		

P L A Y E R	GP-GS	MIN--AVG	T O T A L			3-POINTERS			R E B O U N D S						PTS - AVG											
			FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF-DEF	TOT--AVG	PF-FO	A TO BLK		ST										
44 CHANCE, Warren	26	23	712	27.4	176	373	.472	58	138	.420	90	108	.833	66	87	153	5.9	54	2	31	38	12	32	500	19.2	
30 BUTLER, Dwayne	26	23	631	24.3	143	290	.493	0	4	.000	98	149	.658	69	81	150	5.8	101	11	25	60	21	37	384	14.8	
25 OGDEN, Jesse	26	25	668	25.7	93	253	.368	84	213	.394	35	49	.714	17	52	69	2.7	72	4	56	28	20	30	305	11.7	
05 UPSHAW, Amos	26	23	741	28.5	129	229	.566	0	0	.000	34	52	.654	73	165	238	9.2	54	0	32	41	21	29	292	11.2	
22 KAUFMAN, Adam	26	26	838	32.2	45	124	.363	14	53	.264	47	66	.712	14	47	61	2.3	36	0	201	63	3	55	151	5.8	
11 VASSAR, Asmara	20	2	384	19.2	39	99	.394	11	36	.306	22	31	.710	16	27	43	2.2	37	0	70	29	2	27	111	5.6	
23 ROBINSON, Dominic	23	0	274	11.9	33	93	.355	7	22	.318	21	33	.636	8	17	25	1.1	15	0	32	31	3	23	94	4.1	
15 STCUT, Troy	16	2	153	9.6	26	47	.553	0	0	.000	13	20	.650	18	28	46	2.9	12	0	2	8	6	7	65	4.1	
55 SCHODT, Rob	18	0	174	9.7	16	37	.432	0	0	.000	29	36	.806	14	21	35	1.9	24	0	11	11	4	4	61	3.4	
42 DIES, Brad	21	2	195	9.3	21	45	.467	0	0	.000	11	24	.458	17	20	37	1.8	27	0	4	5	7	8	53	2.5	
34 SAUNDERS, John	18	1	177	9.8	18	44	.409	0	4	.000	10	15	.667	9	16	25	1.4	19	1	8	15	5	14	46	2.6	
21 DONELUCK, Jason	8	0	73	9.1	15	35	.429	7	18	.389	2	4	.500	2	9	11	1.4	2	0	11	6	0	13	39	4.9	
31 SMILEY, Kevin	11	0	68	6.2	10	26	.385	2	8	.250	1	2	.500	1	5	6	0.5	3	0	5	4	0	5	23	2.1	
40 BESSER, Bill	10	0	58	5.8	8	15	.533	0	2	.000	5	8	.625	4	11	15	1.5	7	0	3	4	8	4	21	2.1	
03 BARONA, Sammy	3	3	57	19.0	6	20	.300	0	1	.000	4	6	.667	7	15	22	7.3	12	0	3	5	2	3	16	5.3	
TEAM REBOUNDS														35	60	95										
Edinboro University	26		5204		778	1729	.450	183	499	.367	422	603	.700	370	661	1031	39.7	475	18	494	348	114	291	2161	83.1	
Opponents	26		4013		709	1623	.437	161	466	.345	353	525	.672	358	681	1039	40.0	508		432	528	86	208	1932	74.3	

SCORE BY PERIODS:

	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	OT3	OT4	TOTAL
Opponents	891	1041	0	0	0	0	1932
Edinboro University	1026	1135	0	0	0	0	2161

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:

	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Opponents	64	2	66
Edinboro University	81	0	81

RECORD:

	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	(21-5)	(14-1)	(6-2)	(1-2)
CONFERENCE	(9-1)	(6-0)	(3-1)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE	(12-4)	(8-1)	(3-1)	(1-2)

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	SCORE	W/L	ATTEND	HIGH POINTS	HIGH REBOUNDS
11/14/97	1 p.m.	vs Southern Connecticut	88-77	W	300	(21) CHANCE, Warren	(7) BUTLER, Dwayne
11/15/97	6 p.m.	vs Columbus (GA) State	80-87	L	500	(22) CHANCE, Warren	(10) CHANCE, Warren
11/16/97	6 p.m.	vs Northern (SD) State	63-87	L	500	(17) ROBINSON, Dominic	(9) BARONA, Sammy
11/22/97	7:30 p.m.	WV WESLEYAN	77-76	W	800	(29) CHANCE, Warren	(9) UPSHAW, Amos
11/25/97	7:30 p.m.	GANNON UNIVERSITY	69-83	L	2500	(23) CHANCE, Warren	(12) UPSHAW, Amos
11/29/97	8:00 p.m.	LAKE ERIE COLLEGE	90-69	W	500	(17) OGDEN, Jesse	(10) STOUT, Troy
12/1/97	7:30 p.m.	POINT PARK COLLEGE	116-57	W	500	(29) CHANCE, Warren	(10) UPSHAW, Amos
12/4/97	8:00 p.m.	HILBERT	94-61	W	500	(22) CHANCE, Warren	(8) CHANCE, Warren
12/04/97	7:30 p.m.	at Pitt-Bradford	57-53	W	300	(22) BUTLER, Dwayne	(10) UPSHAW, Amos
12/17/97	7:30 p.m.	MERCYHURST	79-65	W	500	(25) CHANCE, Warren	(12) UPSHAW, Amos
12/30/97	7:30 p.m.	at Wheeling Jesuit	95-94	W	500	(19) CHANCE, Warren	(11) UPSHAW, Amos
1/3/98	7:30 p.m.	ROBERTS WESLEYAN	103-98	W	500	(29) CHANCE, Warren	(9) UPSHAW, Amos
1/7/98	8 p.m.	* SLIPPERY ROCK	60-73	W	800	(26) BUTLER, Dwayne	(9) CHANCE, Warren
01/10/98	5 p.m.	* at Lock Haven University	72-50	W	125	(25) BUTLER, Dwayne	(11) CHANCE, Warren
1/14/98	8 p.m.	* at Indiana University	32-88	L	1145	(22) CHANCE, Warren	(9) UPSHAW, Amos
1/17/98	3 p.m.	* at Shippensburg	54-75	W	1,100	(15) OGDEN, Jesse	(12) UPSHAW, Amos
1/19/98	7:30 p.m.	D'YOUVILLE COLLEGE	79-50	W	800	(17) CHANCE, Warren	(8) UPSHAW, Amos
1/21/98	7:30 p.m.	CENTRAL STATE (OH) U	53-72	W	800	(29) OGDEN, Jesse	(16) UPSHAW, Amos
1/24/98	3 p.m.	* CALIFORNIA (PA)	93-84	W	1200	(28) CHANCE, Warren	(12) UPSHAW, Amos
1/27/98	8 p.m.	at Mercyhurst	63-89	L	675	(13) CHANCE, Warren	(10) UPSHAW, Amos
1/28/98	8 p.m.	* CLARION UNIVERSITY (55-77	W	1200	(20) UPSHAW, Amos	(14) UPSHAW, Amos
1/31/98	5 p.m.	* LOCK HAVEN UNIVERSITY	73-64	W	800	(19) CHANCE, Warren	(12) UPSHAW, Amos
2/2/98	8 p.m.	at Gannon University	91-79	W	2800	(36) CHANCE, Warren	(18) UPSHAW, Amos
2/4/98	8 p.m.	* at Slippery Rock	75-64	W	300	(24) CHANCE, Warren	(12) UPSHAW, Amos
2/7/98	3 p.m.	* SHIPPENSBURG	50-70	W	1200	(23) BUTLER, Dwayne	(11) CHANCE, Warren
2/11/98	8 p.m.	* INDIANA UNIVERSITY O	55-90	W	2200	(28) BUTLER, Dwayne	(10) UPSHAW, Amos

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania 1997-98 Fighting Scot Numerical Roster

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown/High School
3	Bill Besser	C	6-10	210	So	Jamestown, PA/Jamestown Area
5	Amos Upshaw	F	6-7	215	Fr	Pittsburgh, PA/Grove City
11	Asmara Vasser	G	6-0	170	Jr	Carlisle, PA/Carlisle
15	Troy Stout	F	6-6	215	Jr	Allentown, PA/Dieruff
21	Jason Doneluck	G	5-10	165	Jr	New Castle, PA/New Castle
22	Adam Kaufman	G	5-11	165	Fr	Coraopolis, PA/Montour
23	Dominic Robinson	G	6-1	160	Fr	Waldorf, MD/Westlake
25	Jesse Ogden	G	6-5	195	Sr	Georgetown, ONT/Bishop Redding
30	Dwayne Butler	F	6-6	175	So	Philadelphia, PA/George Jr. Republic
34	John Saunders	G	6-2	185	Sr	Pittsburgh, PA/Langley
42	Brad Dies	F	6-5	205	Fr	Cambridge Springs, PA/Cambridge Springs
44	Warren Chance	G	6-1	195	So	Philadelphia, PA/Furness
55	Rob Schodt	C	6-8	235	Fr	Erie, PA/McDowell

Head Coach: Greg Walcavich (Rutgers University, 1973)

Assistant Coach: Brian Cupps (Wichita State University, 1994)

Student Assistant Coach: Patrick Cleary

2/12/98

University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown 1997-98 Mountain Cat Numerical Roster

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown/High School
10	Brian Solkovy	G	6-0	170	Sr	Spring Church, PA/Apollo Ridge
12	Emanuel Richardson	G	5-9	165	Sr	Bronx, NY/St. Raymond
22	Josue Nieves	G	6-3	185	Jr	Rio Grande, PR/C.M. Auxilladora
23	Justin Walther	F	6-6	195	So	Pittsburgh, PA/Central Catholic
25	Travs Wisor	G	6-1	170	So	Huntingdon, PA/Juniata Valley
32	Chris Rhames	F	6-5	220	Sr	Washington D.C./Anacostia
35	Devlin Herring	G	6-1	180	Sr	Johnstown, PA/Johnstown
40	Don Boylstein	F	6-6	200	Jr	Vandergrift. PA/Kiski Area
44	Khris Rushing	F	6-4	210	Jr	Detroit, MI/Cass Tech

Head Coach: Bob Rukavina

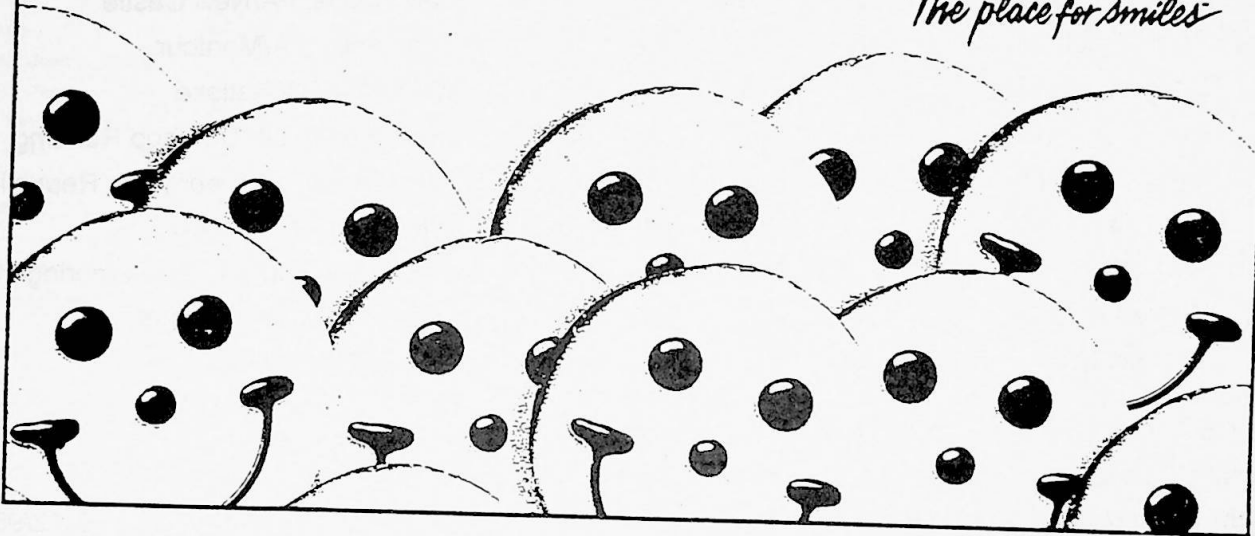
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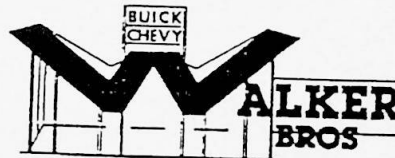


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