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Edinboro Men's Basketball Team Ready for Home Opener Saturday vs. West Virginia Wesleyan

(EDINBORO, Pa.) ~ After a strong showing at the inaugural Division II Tip-off Classic last weekend at the Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Fla, the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania men's basketball team will play its first home game of the 1997-98 season Saturday at McComb Fieldhouse, hosting West Virginia Wesleyan College. Tip-off between the Fighting Scots and Bobcats is set for 7:30 p.m.

Edinboro stunned highly-touted Southern Connecticut State University, 88-77, in the season opener to advance to the semifinals of the prestigious tournament. Southern Connecticut, which was ranked in the Top 10 in most pre-season polls, and as high as third in Division II by one source, couldn't overcome 25 turnovers caused by Edinboro's aggressive pressure defense. Sharpshooter Jesse Ogden keyed the win by hitting four second-half three-pointers (5 in the game, 19 points), while sophomore forward Warren Chance (22 points) and Adam Kaufman (9 points, 10 assists, 1 turnover) a freshman point guard from Montour High School had successful debuts.

The Scots then put up a valiant effort in the semifinals before falling, 87-80, to Columbus (GA) State University. Columbus then lost by one-point in the tournament championship to the University of Southern Indiana as a last second jumper and tip-in at the buzzer rimmed out. Chance led the scoring once again with 22 points and 10 rebounds, while Duquesne transfer Dwayne Butler chipped in 15 points.

In the third-place game, Edinboro led Northern (SD) State 24-22 with just over eight minutes remaining in the first half. But the Wolves outscored Edinboro 22-3 the rest of the period and led 44-27 at intermission. An Ogden three-pointer got the margin down to 14, but Northern State was too strong and won the game, 87-63. Freshman guard Dominic Robinson led the Scots with 17 points as the Scots settled for fourth place among the eight teams.

"It was an honor to play in the first game ever of the Disney Tip-off Classic, then it became a thrill to win it," said Edinboro head coach Greg Walcavich, who is in his ninth year at the EUP helm. "This tournament is the best in the country and we'll always be able to say we won the first game ever played."

"We did a lot of things well in Disney that we can certainly build upon," said Walcavich. "For the most part, I was pleased with our enthusiasm and composure, especially in the first two games. It was nice to get back and practice a couple of times. One of the tough parts about playing in a tournament like Disney is you don't get to take a day or two to work on things. It's just play, play, play and that's tough, especially for a team like ours that consists mainly of newcomers."

West Virginia Wesleyan enters Saturday's contest with a 2-1 overall mark. The Bobcats beat New Jersey Tech (90-73) and Ohio Valley (107-88) to win the Braxton County Tournament, then dropped an 89-82 decision at the College of West Virginia (Nov. 18). The Bobcats are led by the inside/outside combination of forward Cameron Mack (27.0 ppg) and guard Kendall Ellis (24.3 ppg) and are coached by fifth-year mentor Charlie Miller.

Probable Starting Lineups

Edinboro:

No	Name	Ht	Cl	Pos	1997-98 Statistics
30	Dwayne Butler	6-6	So	F	12.6 ppg, 5.6 rpg
3	Sammy Barona	6-6	Jr	C	5.3 ppg, 7.3 rpg
44	Warren Chance	6-1	So	G	17.3 ppg, 6.3 rpg
22	Adam Kauffman	5-11	Fr	G	7.3 ppg, 6.6 assist/game, (20 assists - 11 turnovers)
25	Jesse Ogden	6-5	Sr	G	11.3 ppg, 3.3 threes/game (10 of 27)

Key Reserves:

5	Amos Upshaw	6-6	Fr	F	5.3 ppg, 2.0 rpg
23	Dominic Robinson	6-1	Fr	G	6.7 ppg, 5 steals
34	John Saunders	6-2	Sr	G	6.7 ppg, 3.7 rpg

West Virginia Wesleyan:

No.	Name	Ht	Cl	Pos	1996-97 Statistics
5	Cameron Mack	6-7	Sr	F	27.0 ppg, 11.3 rpg
22	Aaron Goodson	6-8	Jr	C	10.7 ppg, 5.3 rpg
4	Rhashi Booth	6-1	Jr	G	6.3 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 4.0 apg
33	Kendall Ellis	6-2	So	G	24.3 ppg, 5.7 rpg
42	Kevin Williams	6-3	Sr	G	4.7 ppg, 3.0 rpg

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania 1997-98 Fighting Scot Numerical Roster

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown/High School
3	Sammy Barona	F	6-6	200	Jr	Allentown, PA/Allentown Central
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
31	Kevin Smiley	G	6-0	185	So	East Stroudsburg, PA/East Stroudsburg
34	John Saunders	G	6-2	185	Jr	Pittsburgh, PA/Langley
40	Bill Besser	C	6-10	210	So	Jamestown, PA/Jamestown Area
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 Shodt	C	6-8	235	Fr	Erie, PA/McDowell

Head Coach: Greg Walcavich (Rutgers University, 1973)

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

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West Virginia Wesleyan College 1997-97 Bobcat Numerical Roster

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown
3	Jason Westfall	F	6-6	185	Fr	WVolga, WV
4	Rhashli Booth	G	6-1	190	Jr	Chapel Hill, NC
5	Cameron Mack	F	6-7	225	Sr	Akron, OH
10	Aaron Yates	G	6-1	160	So	Clinton, MD
do 11	Cesar Mesa	G	5-9	185	Jr	Tacoma, MD
14	Mac Mitchell	F	6-5	195	Fr	Louisville, KY
22	Aaron Goodson	C	6-8	260	Jr	Birmingham, AL
24	Matt Hiserman	G	6-2	190	Sr	Weston, WV
30	Joe Wojtylko	F	6-6	210	So	Bellview, FL
1/32	Anthony Simao	G	6-4	175	Fr	Lebanon, CN
33	Kendall Ellis	G	6-2	175	So	Marietta, GA
34	Terry Daye, Jr.	G	6-0	200	Fr	Upper Marlboro, MD
42	Kevin Williams	G	6-3	205	Sr	Rockville, MD
44	Shane Shanton	F	6-5	205	Fr	Ray, OH

Head Coach: Charlie Miller

Assistant Coach: Dondi Flemister, Chris Meighen