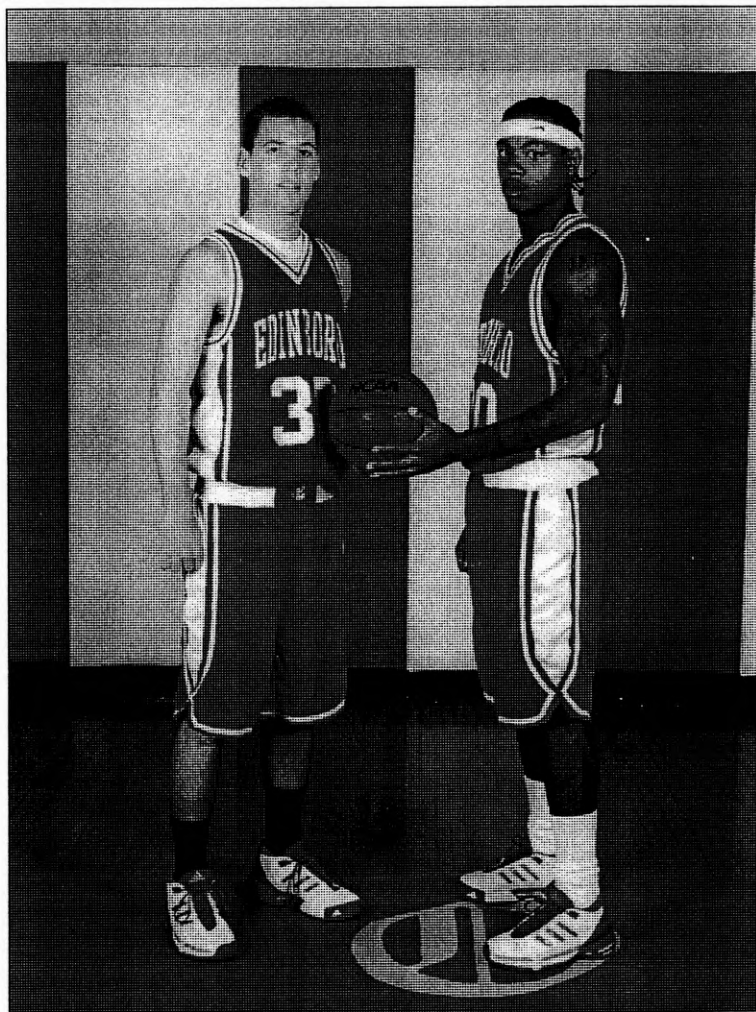

EDINBORO

Fighting Scots

2001-02 Men's Basketball



Captains Duke Gartrell and Kenny Tate



The

COLUMBIA UNION

Game

Tuesday, December 4, 2001
McComb Fieldhouse/Edinboro, PA

Tonight's Game

EDINBORO
"Fighting Scots"
Record: 2-3

vs.

COLUMBIA UNION
"Pioneers"
Record: 3-5

THE GAME STORY

After losing its first three games for the first time since 1992-93, Edinboro righted itself with weekend victories at East Stroudsburg (74-67) and Kutztown (80-77 in overtime). Now 2-3, the Fighting Scots look to even their record before taking a break for final exams. Greg Walcavich's team will not return to the hardwood on December 19 when it plays at Millersville. Columbia Union will take the court against Edinboro for the third time in three days and the fourth game in six days. The Pioneers began their stretch of three games in three days with a 74-64 loss at Fairmont State, dropping to 3-5 and stretching their losing streak to three games in a row. They play at Mercyhurst this evening before invading McComb Fieldhouse. Columbia Union owns wins over Elizabeth City State (62-60), Cheyney (78-62) and Saint Paul's (76-67). Edinboro comes in averaging 69.8 ppg. and giving up 72.8 ppg., while Columbia Union scores at a 62.6 ppg. clip and gives up 66.4 ppg. The PSAC West race is well in the back

THE EDINBORO-COLUMBIA UNION SERIES

Edinboro leads 7-1

Edinboro holds a 7-1 advantage in the all-time series with Columbia Union, including a 91-56 triumph over the Pioneers a year ago. All fourteen Scots scored in that contest, led by Kenny Tate with 15 points and 14 rebounds. Blake Johnson added 14 points, while James Dickerson contributed 12. Abokan Bokpe led Columbia Union with 12 points. Edinboro held the Pioneers to 30.6 percent shooting from the floor and held a wide 57-37 advantage on the glass.

THE COACHES

Edinboro mentor **Greg Walcavich** is in his 13th season, posting a record of 219-125 during that period. The all-time leader in coaching wins at Edinboro, Walcavich has an overall career mark of 373-188 and is in his 20th season as a head coach. **Sandy Smith** does double duty for Columbia Union, coaching both the men's and women's team. Now in his second season at the Takoma Park, MD school, Smith has a 10-23 record after leading the Pioneers to a 7-18 finish a year ago.

WHO'S JAKIM?

For the first three games of the year he sat on the bench, a tall, thin freshman waiting to get clearance from the NCAA's Clearinghouse. That came late last week, and **Jakim Donaldson** immediately made an impact. He scored 10 points while not missing a shot (4 of 4 from the floor, 2 of 2 from the line) in his debut at Kutztown,

then grabbed a team-high 9 rebounds at Kutztown. Making this story all the more remarkable is that the 6'6" freshman from Oliver High School in Pittsburgh is a walk-on.

TATE GARNERS PRESEASON ACCOLADES

Kenny Tate once again received plenty of preseason honors, culminated by his selection as Division II Bulletin's preseason Player of the Year. The 6'3" forward was also selected a preseason All-American by *Basketball Times* and *Street & Smith's*. Here's a list of Tate's honors since arriving at Edinboro:

- ◆ Preseason Honors
 - Division II Bulletin Player of the Year
 - *Basketball Times* All-American
 - *Street & Smith's* All-American
- ◆ 2000-01 Honors
 - Daktronics first team All-American
 - Basketball Times second team All-American
 - Division II Bulletin honorable mention All-American
 - PSAC West first team

RARE SLOW START

With losses to Gannon, Wooster and Mercyhurst to open the season, Edinboro was off to its first 0-3 start since 1992-93, before picking up a pair of wins over the weekend.

EVEN RARER -- A DIII LOSS

Edinboro's 74-57 loss to Wooster on Saturday represented the first loss to a Division III team since Greg Walcavich took over in 1988-89. The last time a Division III squad defeated the Scots was in 1987-88, when Allegheny scored an 84-67 win.

WHO MADE THE SCHEDULE

Greg Walcavich's team has faced its most demanding early season schedule since the 1997-98 squad competed in the Disney Classic. While losing three straight games to open the season, the combined records of Gannon (22-8), Wooster (24-4) and Mercyhurst (17-10) were 63-22 a year ago.

MCCOMB MAGIC

Edinboro is looking to recover some of its McComb Fieldhouse magic. The Fighting Scots own an impressive 51-9 record on their home court since the 1996-97 season, including 13-3 a year ago. However, the Scots have lost two straight at McComb Fieldhouse, dropping the PSAC Tournament semifinal game to West Chester to conclude the 2000-01 season, then opening this season with a 74-57 loss to Wooster.

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

The Fighting Scots

Record: 2-3, 0-0 PSAC West

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School/Last School
00	Kenny Tate	F	6-3	210	Sr.	Philadelphia, PA/Chester/ New Mexico JC
1	Blake Johnson	G	6-0	185	Sr.	Jamestown, NY/Jamestown/ Jamestown CC
3	James Dickerson	F	6-4	190	Sr.	Richmond Heights, OH/Richmond Heights
5	Chris Summers	F	6-3	220	Sr.	Farrell, PA/Farrell
11	Dan Grabill	G	5-10	155	Fr.	Edinboro, PA/General McLane
14	Brandon Dominick	G	5-8	170	Jr.	Cleveland Heights, OH/Cleveland Heights/Lake Erie
15	Derek Armstrong	F	6-3	185	Jr.	Montreal, CAN/Champlain
23	Brandon Thompson	C	6-6	230	So.	Philadelphia, PA/Simon Gratz/ Bridgeport
24	Brian Keller	G	6-1	170	Fr.	Farrell, PA/Farrell
30	Duke Gartrell	G	6-2	180	Jr.	Littlestown, PA/Littlestown
42	Quentin Rogers	C	6-5	220	Sr.	Columbus, OH/East/Albany St.(Ga.)
44	Andy Stritzinger	C	6-8	220	Sr.	Erie, PA/Harbor Creek
52	Jakim Donaldson	F	6-6	190	Fr.	Pittsburgh, PA/Oliver
55	Aaron Bluey	F/G	6-2	185	Fr.	Fairview, PA/Fairview

HEAD COACH: Greg Walcavich

ASST. COACHES: Patrick Cleary and Hugo Lopez

CAPTAINS: Kenny Tate and Duke Gartrell

BORO BITS

THE REAL BLAKE JOHNSON RETURNS

A year ago **Blake Johnson** led Division II in three-pointers made per game, but he made just 1 of his first 12 trifectas in the first two games. The senior guard has still not fully recovered the shooting touch that saw him deposit 43 points on Shippensburg and 40 on Clarion, but he is averaging 20.3 points over the last three games, and has made 9 of 23 three-pointers during that span. Johnson showed some signs of life with 15 points at Mercyhurst, then had 25 points at East Stroudsburg and 21 at Kutztown. He has made 10 of 35 three-pointers.

TOP SCORING TANDEMS

The combination of Kenny Tate and **Blake Johnson** accounted for 1,009 points last season. It marked just the fifth time that two Edinboro players had combined for 1,000 points. Here's a look at the all-time leading scoring duos:

ALL-TIME SCORING DUOS

1. Warren Chance (1997-98)	635
Dwayne Butler	532
	1167

TALE OF THE TAPE

EDINBORO

Leading Scorer Kenny Tate (22.2 ppg.)
Leading Rebounder Kenny Tate (7.2 rpg.)
Leading Assists Dan Grabill (11)
Leading Steals Kenny Tate (9)
Leading Blocked Shots Blake Johnson (4)
Leading Three-Point FGs Blake Johnson (10 of 35)

COLUMBIA UNION

Michael Gordon (15.4 ppg.)
Sullivan Phillips (7.3 rpg.)
Sullivan Phillips (41)
Sullivan Phillips (11)
Sullivan Phillips (8)
Michael Gordon (34 of 86)

COLUMBIA UNION COLLEGE

The Pioneers

Record: 3-5

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
3	Joshua Johnson	G	6-0		Fr.	Palm Desert, CA
4	Jerome Miles	G	5-8		So.	Huntsville, AL
5	Mike Kelly	F	6-3		So.	Bowie, MD
10	Michael Gordon	G	5-8		So.	Atlanta, GA
11	Aaron Smith	G	5-6		Jr.	Jacksonville, FL
12	Nick Waln	F	6-3		Jr.	Burtonsville, MD
14	Mike Daniels	F	6-2		Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA
20	Harold Laws	G	6-0		Fr.	Silver Spring, MD
22	Monte Ortel	G	6-2		Sr.	Charlotte, NC
30	Daryl Bethea	F	6-3		So.	Capital Heights, MD
31	Raymond Strachan	G	6-1		So.	Arlington, VA
32	Abokan Bokpe	F	6-5		Sr.	Oshawa, ONT
33	Sullivan Phillips	F	6-7		Sr.	Warwick, Bermuda
44	Dante Singleton	C	6-8		So.	Baltimore, MD

HEAD COACH: Sandy Smith
ASST. COACH: Calvin Dunbar

NOTE: Columbia Union played at Mercyhurst on Monday night.

SCOUTING THE PIONEERS

Columbia Union enters its game at Mercyhurst with a 3-5 record, and comes off a 74-64 loss at Shepherd on Sunday. The Pioneers look to snap a three-game losing skid ... sophomore guard **Michael Gordon** threw up 22 three-pointers on Sunday, making 6. He finished with 24 points. Gordon has made 34 of 86 three-pointers and is the team's leading scorer at 15.4 ppg. ... **Sullivan Phillips**, a 6'7" senior who fills the role of point forward for the Pioneers, added a double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Phillips leads the Pioneers with 41 assists, 8 blocks and 11 steals, but has also turned the ball over 51 times. He is scoring 9.0 ppg. and pulling down 7.3 rpg. ... **Raymond Strachan**, a 6'1" sophomore who averages 11.5 ppg., is shooting 76.0 percent from the floor (38 of 50) ... Columbia Union is shooting a respectable 45.6 percent from the floor, but only 32.9 percent on three-pointers and 56.3 percent from the line ... Columbia Union features plenty of height on the front line. In addition to the 6'7" Phillips, the Pioneers feature 6'5" **Abokan Bokpe**, a senior who scored 12 points against the Scots a year ago, and 6'8" **Dante Singleton**, a sophomore who averages 7.9 ppg. and 6.0 rpg. while shooting 60.0 percent from the floor.

THE 2001-02 FIGHTING SCOT CHEERLEADERS



2001-02 Edinboro Cheerleading Squad

Front Row: Ashley Lumberg, Bernadette Giovanelli, Darla DeArment, Jan Bruce (co-captain), Nicole Rister, Crystal Hollins, Jamie Smrekar.
Second Row: Emily Roth, Kaycee Perrine, Stacie Galis, Katie Watson, Deanna Sampson, Kristen Powell (co-captain), Lynn Yancoskie, coach Sadie Aronson.
Third Row: Joe Baumbach, Jason Velasco, Zack Lucas, Eddie Barnard.
Not Pictured: Michelle Piccirilli.

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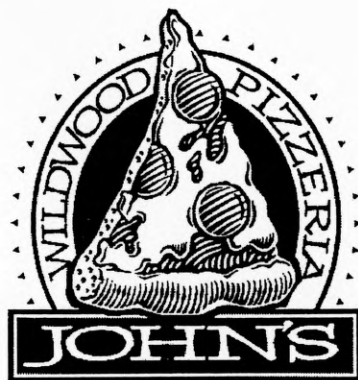
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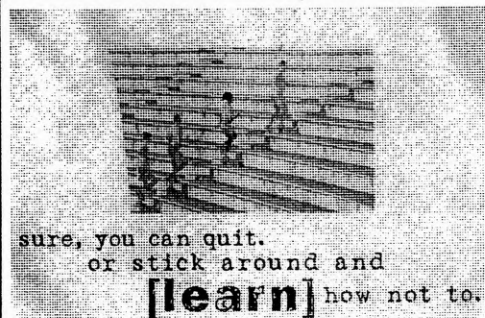
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2001-02 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Day & Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Tuesday, November 20	at Gannon	L, 69-72
Saturday, November 24	WOOSTER	L, 57-74
Tuesday, November 27	at Mercyhurst	L, 69-74
Saturday, December 1	at East Stroudsburg	W, 74-67
Sunday, December 2	at Kutztown	W, 80-77 ot
Tuesday, December 4	COLUMBIA UNION	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 19	at Millersville	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 29	LAKE ERIE	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 2	at Allegheny	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 5	CHEYNEY	3:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 6	WEST CHESTER	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 9	CALIFORNIA(PA)*	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 12	MANSFIELD	3:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 13	BLOOMSBURG	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 16	CLARION*	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 19	at Shippensburg*	3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 22	MERCYHURST	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 26	at Lock Haven*	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 30	at Indiana(Pa.)*	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 2	at California(Pa.)*	7:00 p.m.
Monday, February 4	SLIPPERY ROCK*	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 6	at Clarion*	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 13	INDIANA(PA)*	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 20	SHIPPENSBURG*	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 20	at Slippery Rock*	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 23	LOCK HAVEN*	5:00 p.m.

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