



EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES



Game #7

EDINBORO FIGHTING SCOTS (4-2)

vs. LAKE ERIE STORM (1-1)

Saturday, December 5, 1998 / Edinboro, PA / 7:30 p.m.

Fighting Scots Look To Quiet Storm Of Lake Erie College

It's now four in a row for the Edinboro University men's basketball team following Wednesday's impressive 68-54 victory over previously undefeated Central State. The victory avenged an 80-69 setback in the Fighting Scots' season opener while dropping the Marauders to 8-1.

The Boro, now 4-2, must now avoid a let-down against the Storm of Lake Erie College. Coach Pat Vuyancih's team blows into McComb Fieldhouse with a record of 1-1. The Boro plays host to Lake Erie on Saturday, then engages local rival Gannon on Wednesday to conclude a seven-game homestand.

SCOUTING THE SCOTS: Coach Greg Walcavich stated at the beginning of the season that it would likely be a different player leading the way every game for the Fighting Scots. The veteran mentor has definitely been correct in the early going. On Wednesday, it was **Troy Stout's** turn to play hero, as the senior center had 19 points and a career-high 11 rebounds. Four different players have led the team in scoring over the first six games, with four different players also checking in as the top glass cleaner. But it's defense that has

fueled the four game winning streak. After holding Central State, a team which entered the contest averaging 78.5 ppg., to 54 markers, the Boro has now limited the opposition to 55.3 ppg. over the last four contests. Even more impressive, the opposition has shot just 34.0 percent from the floor over that period. Overall, the Fighting Scots are forcing 20.3 turnovers per game, while limiting opponents to 37.7 percent shooting from the floor and 63.2 ppg... a player with little notoriety entering the season, Stout is definitely making opponents sit up and take notice. The 6'7" pivotman missed most of the last two seasons following knee surgery, averaging 3.9 ppg. and 3.6 rpg. a year ago in 23 games. Those numbers are now 12.7 and 8.0, respectively, after Wednesday's outburst in which he made 8 of 10 field goals and all three free throw attempts. Stout is shooting a team-best 66.7 percent from the floor (34 of 51) ... Stout is joined up front by a pair of high-flying sophomores, **Michael Johnson** and **Terrance Smith**. Johnson is the Boro's leading scorer at 13.3 ppg., adding 7.2 rpg. He is shooting a solid 51.7 percent from the floor (31 of 60) and has blocked 18 shots. The 6'5" forward has moved into a tie for 10th place with Tyrone Tillman in career blocked shots with 55. Smith is a 6'6" transfer from Sacramento City College who has started three contests. He is averaging 8.5 ppg. and 4.3 rpg... sophomore **Adam Kaufman** is truly the Scots' floor general. The 5'11" guard has struggled with his shot most of the year, but stepped up and hit a pair of three-pointers while finishing with 11 points vs. Central State. But Kaufman's true value is his leadership and ballhandling skills. He paces the team with 42 assists, also recording 11 steals, while averaging 5.2 ppg. After dishing out a school-record 273 scoring passes a year ago, Kaufman now has 315 for his career, good for seventh all-time ... the fifth starter is **Jean Paul**, a 6'3" senior in his first season at Edinboro after previously playing football and basketball at Indiana University. One of three Scots in double figures at 10.3 ppg., Paul is also the team's top three-point threat with 5 in 16 tries, and has 17 assists. Most notably, he's

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Edinboro Fighting Scots (4-2)

						Ppg.	Rpg.
F	4	Michael Johnson	6-5	195	So.	Pittsburgh, PA	13.3 7.2
F	24	Terrance Smith	6-6	190	So.	Philadelphia, PA	8.5 4.3
C	15	Troy Stout	6-6	215	Sr.	Allentown, PA	12.7 8.0
G	5	Jean Paul	6-3	185	Sr.	Naples, FL	10.3 17 asts.
G	22	Adam Kaufman	5-11	165	So.	Coraopolis, PA	5.2 42 asts.
F	44	Ian Johnson	6-7	200	So.	Rankin, PA	6.6 4.4
F	3	James Dickerson	6-4	180	Fr.	Cleveland, OH	5.2 1.3
G	30	Jarrod Graham	6-1	175	Fr.	Harrisburg, PA	2.8 3.2
C	55	Rob Schodt	6-8	225	So.	Erie, PA	7.3 2.3

HEAD COACH: Greg Walcavich (171-91, 10th year)

Lake Erie Storm (1-1)

						Ppg.	Rpg.
F	40	Ryan Myers	6-3	190	Jr.	Painesville, OH	23.5 9.5
F	42	Fred Jones	6-2	190	Fr.	Cleveland, OH	16.0 8.0
F	44	Ken Veon	6-3	230	Sr.	Chardon, OH	9.5 5.5
G	21	Chris Naso	6-0	175	Sr.	Geneva, OH	6.0 1.0
G	23	Joe Zdesar	6-1	155	Jr.	Chardon, OH	1.0 6 asts.
G	52	Ted Kwasniak	5-11	183	So.	Euclid, OH	3.0 6 asts.
F	45	Dave Siefert	6-4	180	Sr.	Brooklyn, OH	4.0 2.0

HEAD COACH: Pat Vuyancih (1-1, 1st year)

TALE OF THE TAPE

Fighting Scots Avg.	Category	Storm Avg.
71.8	Scoring	63.0
63.2	Scoring Defense	76.5
43.9	Field Goal Percentage	41.5
37.7	Field Goal Pct. Defense	45.4
67.9	Free Throw Percentage	60.6
+1.5	Rebounding Margin	+1.5
19.0	Turnovers Per Game	20.5
20.3	Opp. Turnovers Per Game	19.5

become a defensive stopper ... Walcavich has received outstanding productivity from the bench, particularly sophomore Rob Schodt. The 6'8", 225 lb. center has been a very pleasant surprise after seeing limited action a year ago. A former standout at McDowell High School, Schodt is averaging 7.3 ppg. and 2.3 rpg., all the more impressive when you consider that's coming in just over 11 minutes per contest. Schodt scored 12 points vs. Central State, his third straight game in double figures. In addition, he is shooting 55.6 percent from the floor and 93.3 percent (14 of 15) from the line. He has made 12 consecutive free throws ... sophomore Ian Johnson and freshman James Dickerson lend further depth up front. Johnson, a 6'7" center, averages 6.6 ppg. and 4.4 rpg., while Dickerson, a former All-Ohio selection, has started three times, averaging 5.2 ppg ... his numbers may not reflect it, but 6'1" freshman Jarrod Graham, out of George Junior Republic High School, has been a significant contributor. The top backcourt reserve is playing just over 22 minutes a game, averaging 2.8 ppg. and 3.2 rpg.

SCOUTING THE STORM: The Storm would like nothing better than to post gale warnings in McComb Fieldhouse, cooling off the hot Scots in the process. Lake Erie, under first-year coach Pat Vuyancih, is 1-1 after competing in the Mount Union College Tip-Off Classic two weeks ago. The Storm opened with a 93-63 loss to host Mount Union, but captured third place with a 63-60 triumph over Alfred ... while only carrying a roster of seven players, the Storm has experience with three seniors and two juniors. Lake Erie also possesses a scorer of note in Ryan Myers. The 6'3" junior is averaging 23.5 ppg. and 9.5 rpg., both figures tops on the team. He had 25 points and 11 boards against Mount Union, then totalled 22 and 8, respectively, vs. Alfred. Myers is shooting 56.7 percent (17 of 30) from the floor ... freshman Fred Jones is the only other player in double figures, coming in at 16.0 ppg., along with 8.0 rpg. Jones is a 6'2" forward who also leads the Storm with 6 steals ... senior Ken Veon is a 6'3", 230 lb. forward averaging 9.5 ppg. and 5.5 rpg. He'll also step outside and hit the three, making 3 of 8 ... senior Chris Naso and junior Joe Zdesar are expected to open at guard. Naso averages 6.0 ppg., while Zdesar has only scored two points, but is tied for the team lead with 6 assists ... senior Dave Siefert and sophomore Ted Kwasniak round out the Lake Erie roster. At 6'4", Siefert is the tallest member of the Storm roster. He averages 4.0 points and 2.0 rebounds. Kwasniak comes from a basketball family at Villa Angela St. Joseph High School in Cleveland. The 5'11" guard averages 3.0 points, but matches Zdesar with 6 assists.

SERIES RECORD: Edinboro leads 4-0

LAST MEETING: 1997-98 -- Edinboro 69, Lake Erie 69
The Fighting Scots led by just five points at intermission, but exploded for 51 points over the final twenty minutes to subdue the

KAUFMAN NOW 7th IN CAREER ASSISTS

Adam Kaufman has already had a pair of double figure assist games, boosting his career total to 315 assists. The sophomore guard handed out 12 assists vs. Wheeling Jesuit, then totalled 10 against Mercyhurst. Kaufman already stands in seventh place in career assists, while playing in just 40 career games.

Rank	Player (Years)	Assists
5.	Larry Betar (1971-75)	341
6.	Tim Smiley (1973-77)	323
7.	Adam Kaufman (1997-present)	315

THE SULTAN OF SWAT

Michael Johnson has definitely made a lasting impression on opponents in his return to the Fighting Scots. After not playing since the 1995-96 campaign, Johnson has picked up where he left off -- as an intimidating shot blocker. The 6'5" sophomore swatted away six shots against St. Rose, then rejected four more shots against Wheeling Jesuit. He has 18 for the year, giving him a career total of 55, good for a tie for 10th all-time.

Rank	Player (Years)	Blocked Shots
8.	Sterling Washington (1988-91)	83
9.	Lasana Crider (1992-94)	59
10.	Tyrone Tillman (1977-80)	55
	Michael Johnson (1995-present)	55

Storm. The difference in the game was turnovers, as Edinboro mishandled the ball just 7 times, while Lake Erie committed 28 miscues. Thanks to five three-pointers, Jesse Ogden finished with 17 points, while Troy Stout contributed 15 markers and 10 rebounds. Rob Schodt came off the bench to score 10 points. Ryan Myers, Lake Erie's top scorer and rebounder in '98-99, baffled the Boro, dropping in 22 points, pulling down 12 rebounds, and even handing out 5 assists. Jason Parker added 16 points and 9 boards.

NEXT FOR THE FIGHTING SCOTS:

Wednesday, December 9 vs. Gannon, 7:30 p.m.

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania 1998-99 Fighting Scots Numerical Roster

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5	Jean Paul	F	6-3	185	Sr	Naples, FL/Lely
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24	Terrance Smith	F	6-6	190	So	Philadelphia, PA/Simon Gratz
30	Jarrood Graham	G	6-1	175	Fr	Harrisburg, PA/George Junior Republic
44	Ian Johnson	F	6-7	200	So	Rankin, PA/Woodland Hills
45	Michael Cassidy	G	6-1	210	Sr	Philadelphia, PA/Mastbaum Tech
55	Rob Schodt	C	6-8	225	So	Erie, PA/McDowell

Head Coach: Greg Walcavich (Rutgers University, 1973)

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

Student Assistant Coach: Patrick Cleary

Lake Erie College 1998-99 Storm Numerical Roster

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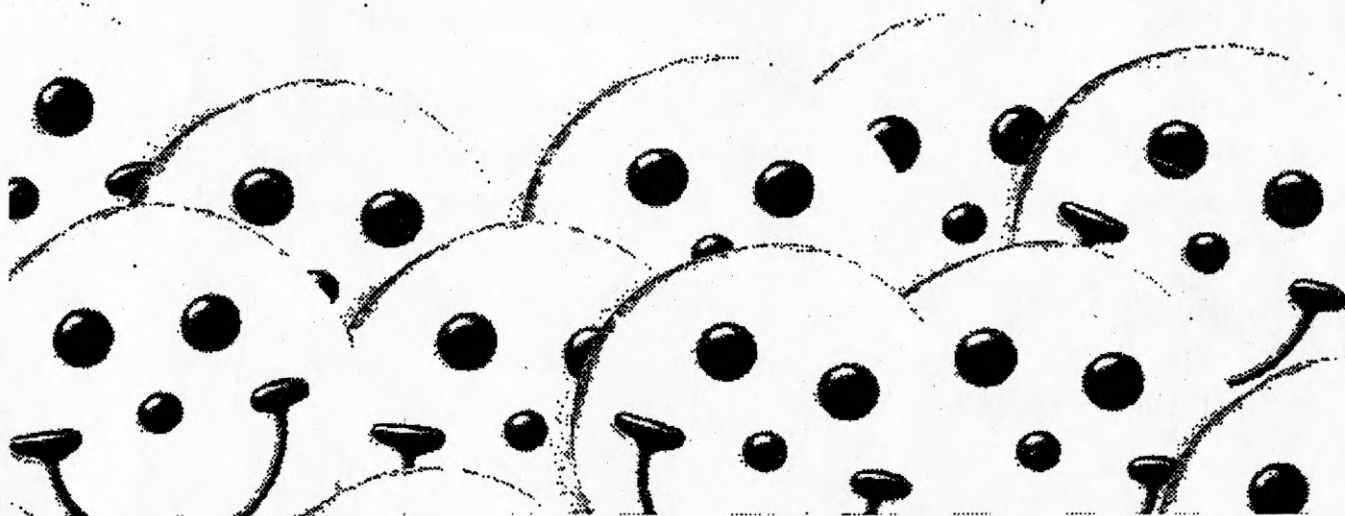
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