

Scots Set For Showdown With Defending PSAC Champion Shippensburg

(EDINBORO, Pa.) ~ The Edinboro University women's basketball team will host Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference foe Shippensburg University on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 1 p.m. at McComb Fieldhouse.

The Fighting Scots (12-5 overall, 3-0 PSAC-West) enter the contest in first-place. The Scots, led by tenth year head coach Stan Swank, have won six games in a row and eight of their last 10. In their most recent contest, the Fighting Scots defeated Indiana University (Pa.), 79-61 on Jan. 15 at McComb Fieldhouse. Sophomore guard Meghan Miller led the Scots' offense with a game-high 28 points. Miller has averaged 27 points in her last three games, and has made 25 of her last 26 (96%) free-throw attempts! Junior forward Heather Gates, who entered the week second in NCAA Division II rebounding, pulled down a game-high 18 rebounds for the Scots in the win over IUP. Gates, who is also the PSAC's leading rebounder, is now averaging 14.3 rebounds a game. The Fighting Scots lead the PSAC in scoring offense and averaging 84.6 points a game to rank seventh among NCAA Division II schools in points per contest. Last year, Edinboro fell to the Red Raiders in both games, dropping a 93-84 decision at Shippensburg and a 96-84 setback in Edinboro. Senior guard Shauna Nevel led the Scots in scoring in both games with 29 and 20 points, respectively. Junior guard Melissa Swartz scored a game-high 30 points in SUP's home win, while 1995-96 PSAC "Player of the Year" Tracy Spencer scored 28 for the Red Raiders in the 'Ship's victory at Edinboro. Edinboro is 8-2 at McComb Fieldhouse this season.

Shippensburg (13-2, 2-0) claimed the PSAC championship last season and became the first PSAC women's school to advance to the NCAA Division II title game, where they dropped a 104-78 decision to North Dakota State University. Ship ended its season with a school-best 28-6 overall record. The Raiders, led by 1996 PSAC "Coach of the Year" Dave Smith, enter Saturday's game as the No. 1 ranked team in the East Region. Smith owns a 120-62 (.659) record as head coach of the Raiders, and is 286-108 (.726) in his 15 years as a collegiate head coach. In their last game, the Red Raiders defeated Lock Haven University, 83-67 on Jan. 15 in Shippensburg. Senior guard Melissa Swartz scored a game-high 22 points, while senior center Debbie Dawson and freshman forward Nisa Wilson both chipped in 12 points. Sophomore Ashley Totodo, the PSAC-West "Rookie of the Year" last season, led all rebounders in the contest with 14. Totodo leads the 'Ship in points (16.1 ppg), rebounds (12.9 rpg) and blocks (3.0 blkpg). Other top players for the Red Raiders include senior forward Marie McDonald (8.3 ppg) and junior forward Kelly Doerzbacher (.421 three-point fg %). Shippensburg is 6-2 on the road this season.

Probable Starting Lineups

Edinboro:

No.	Name	Ht	Cl	Pos	1996-97 Statistics
34	Jessica Rowe	5-8	Fr	G	10.6 ppg, 2.9 rpg
50	Meghan Miller	5-6	So	G	13.9 ppg, 82.4 ft%
52	Amy Rapelje	6-2	Jr	C	15.2 ppg, 8.2 rpg
54	Heather Gates	5-11	Jr	F	16.2 ppg, 14.3 rpg
40	Erin Miller	5-10	Jr	F	11.6 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 3.9 apg

Shippensburg:

No.	Name	Ht	Cl	Pos	1996-97 Statistics
20	Debbie Dawson	6-1	Sr	C	10.3 ppg, 6.9 rpg
22	Ashley Totodo	6-0	So	F	16.1 ppg, 12.9 rpg
30	Jessica Bobiak	5-9	Sr	G	7.1 ppg, 4.2 rpg
33	Melissa Swartz	5-8	Sr	G	14.3 ppg, 4.0 rpg
35	Kelly Doerzbacher	5-9	Jr	F	7.5 ppg, 4.9 rpg

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EDINBORO UNIVERSITY FIGHTING SCOTS

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Yr	Hometown/High School
10	Stacie Seneta	G	5-6	Jr	Girard, PA/Girard
13	Tami Piljuga	F	5-11	Jr	Pittsburgh, PA/Brentwood
14	Cara Peyton	G	5-7	Fr	Cincinnati, OH/McAuley
34	Jessica Rowe	G	5-8	Fr	Columbus, OH/St. Francis DeSales
41	Kelly Mankowski	G/F	5-9	Jr	North East, PA/North East
42	Erin Miller	G/F	5-11	Jr	Pittsburgh, PA/Oakland Catholic
44	Megan Fiala	F	6-0	So	Brookville, PA/Brookville
50	Meghan Miller	G	5-7	So	Wexford, PA/North Catholic
51	Rhani Rochon	F	5-11	So	Beachwood, OH/Beachwood
52	Amy Rapelje	C	6-2	Jr	Perrysburg, OH/Eastwood
54	Heather Gates	F	5-11	Jr	Beachwood, OH/Beachwood

Head Coach: Stan Swank

Assistant Coaches: Andrea Williams, Lou Zadecky

SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY RED RAIDERS

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Yr	Hometown/High School
12	Abby Minder	G	5-6	Fr	Lebanon, PA/Lebanon Catholic
14	Julie Sutch	G	5-5	Fr	New Bloomfield, PA/West Perry
15	Nisa Wilson	G	5-6	Fr	Lancaster, PA/McCaskey
20	Deborah Dawson	C	6-1	Sr	Crownsville, MD/Old Mill
22	Ashley Totedo	F	6-0	So	Donora, PA/Ringgold
23	Jennifer Hamilton	F/C	6-0	Fr	Perkasie, PA/Pennridge
24	Christy Hammaker	G	5-5	Fr	Sanatoga, PA/Pottsgrove
30	Jessica Bobiak	G	5-9	Sr	Frackville, PA/North Schuylkill
32	Marie McDonald	F	5-10	Sr	Aristes, PA/North Schuylkill
33	Melissa Swartz	G	5-8	Sr	Carlisle, PA/Big Spring
34	Rebekah Hosler	F	5-11	Fr	Newville, PA/Big Spring
35	Kelly Doerzbacher	F	5-9	Jr	Apollo, PA/Greensburg Central Catholic
41	Jamie Porter	F	5-8	Fr	Pittsburgh, PA/Plum

Head Coach: Dave Smith

Assistant Coach: Kristy O'Hara