

Women's Basketball Team to Host Rockets In PSAC-West Match-up

(EDINBORO, Pa.) ~ The Edinboro University of Pennsylvania women's basketball team will host the Slippery Rock Rockets on Wednesday (Feb. 5) evening at 6:00 p.m. at McComb Fieldhouse. The Scots (15-6 overall, 6-1 PSAC-West), coached by tenth-year veteran Stan Swank, enter the contest tied with Shippensburg University for first place in the PSAC-West. Slippery Rock (2-18 overall, 0-7 PSAC-West), led by first-year head coach Darcie Vincent, enter the game in seventh place in the conference.

In its last game, Edinboro defeated Lock Haven University on the road, 58-54 on Feb. 1. Junior forward Heather Gates, who leads the NCAA-Division II in rebounding at 14.7 per game, scored a game-high 20 points to go along with a game-high 15 rebounds. Gates leads the Scots in scoring average this season (16.0 ppg) and is currently fifth in the PSAC in points per game. Gates also is second in the league in steals with 2.9 per contest.

Edinboro defeated the Rockets, 81-72 in the conference opener at Slippery Rock back on Jan. 8. Sophomore guard Meghan Miller poured in a game-high 31 points for the Scots in the victory. Sophomore forward Heather Kearney led the Rockets with 19 tallies in the loss. Last year, SRU won all three meetings between the two schools, including a 67-60 victory over the 'Boro in the final four round of the PSAC postseason tournament....**SCOT NOTES**... Junior forward Kelly Mankowski now leads the PSAC in 3-pt field goal percentage (.372), connecting on 32 of 88 from behind the arc. Sophomore guard Meghan Miller, second on the Scots in scoring average (14.1 ppg), also ranks fourth in the conference in steals (2.5 stlpg) and assists (4.3 apg). Center Amy Rapelje is tops in the PSAC in field goal percentage (.533), connecting on 121-227 from the field, and is also eighth in the conference in rebounding at 8.5 per contest.

In their most recent game, the Rockets were defeated 101-49 at Shippensburg University on Feb. 1. Alison Baldauf led the 'Rock with 14 points and 11 rebounds. SRU has defeated Point Park College (86-71 on Jan. 6) at home and UNC-Pembroke (66-58 on Dec. 30) on the road this season. Individually, the Rock is led by the PSAC's leading scorer Kearney (20.1 ppg) and sophomore guard Lisa Shall (11.7 ppg)...**ROCK NOTES**... The Rockets hold a 35-22 edge in all-time victories vs. Edinboro... Vincent previously served as the assistant coach at SRU for two years prior to this season... Lori Robinson, the PSAC's "Scholar Athlete of the Year" in 1995-96 is sitting out this season following re-constructive knee surgery. Robinson was SRU's second-leading scorer (15.5 ppg) and rebounder (5.9 rpg) a year ago.

Probable Starting Lineups

Edinboro:

No	Name	Ht	Cl	Pos	1996-97 Statistics
34	Jessica Rowe	5-8	Fr	G	10.9 ppg, 3.0 rpg
50	Meghan Miller	5-6	So	G	14.1 ppg, 4.3 apg
52	Amy Rapelje	6-2	Jr	C	13.6 ppg, 8.5 rpg
54	Heather Gates	5-11	Jr	F	16.0 ppg, 14.7 rpg
42	Erin Miller	5-10	Jr	F	10.4 ppg, 3.8 apg

Slippery Rock:

No	Name	Ht	Cl	Pos	1996-97 Statistics
54	Heather Kearney	5-10	So	F	20.1 ppg, 8.7 rpg
55	Julie Perkins	5-10	Fr	F	6.4 ppg, 4.5 rpg
33	Kenan Brooks	5-7	Fr	G	5.7 ppg, 3.2 rpg
21	Lisa Shall	5-8	So	G	11.7 ppg, 3.5 rpg
43	Alsion Baldauf	5-11	Fr	G	4.4 ppg, 4.7 rpg

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

SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY ROCKETS

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Yr	Hometown/High School
11	Dawn Constant	G	5-8	Fr	New Kensington, PA/Plum
20	Kristy Adams	G	5-7	Fr	Kittanning, PA/Kittanning
21	Lisa Shall	G	5-8	So	Clarendon, PA/Warren
24	Domenica Halus	G	5-6	So	Hershey, PA/Lebanon Catholic
30	Jill Butler	F	5-9	So	Pittsburgh, PA/Seton LaSalle
33	Kenan Brooks	G	5-7	Fr	Macedonia, OH/Nordonia
34	Talisa Adamczyk	G	5-9	Fr	Mars, PA/Pine-Richland
41	Kim Saus	G	5-6	So	West Homestead, PA/Oakland
42	Jen McNamar	F	5-10	Jr	Vernon, CT/Rockville
43	Alison Baldauf	F	5-11	Fr	Akron, OH/Revere
44	Patti Mychack	F	5-11	Sr	Philadelphia, PA/Bishop Hallahan
45	Courtney Meinking	F	5-11	Fr	Scotrun, PA/Pocono Mountain
54	Heather Kearney	F	5-10	So	Harrisville, PA/Slippery Rock
55	Julie Perkins	F	5-10	Fr	Willow Grove, PA/Archbishop Wood

Head Coach: Darcie Vincent

Assistant Coach: Carrie Osbourne