

Women's Basketball Team Hosts Golden Eagles In PSAC Match-up

(EDINBORO, Pa.) ~ The Edinboro University of Pennsylvania women's basketball team will host Clarion University on Wednesday, Feb. 19. At 6:00 p.m. at McComb Fieldhouse. The Scots (17-7 overall, 8-2 PSAC-West) enter the contest in second place in the PSAC-West. Edinboro has clinched a berth in the PSAC's postseason tournament, but with two conference dates remaining the seedings are yet to be determined. Along with the Scots, Shippensburg (8-2 PSAC-West), California (7-3) and Clarion (6-4), all have clinched spots in the conference tournament that begins Tuesday (Feb. 24) night.

In the first meeting between the two schools this season (Jan. 29), Clarion rallied from as many as 17 points down to defeat the Scots, 64-62. Despite a double-double (24 points, 16 rebounds) performance by Edinboro junior forward Heather Gates, the Golden Eagles handed the Scots their first conference setback of the season. Junior guard Dana Nelson scored a team-high 18 points for CU in the victory. Last season, Edinboro and Clarion split the season series as the Scots defeated the Eagles 79-76 in Edinboro and dropped a 99-84 decision at Clarion. The 'Boro holds a 24-18 edge in all-time victories between the two schools.

In their last game, the Scots defeated Indiana (Pa.) on the road, 64-53 to capture a PSAC postseason tournament berth. Sophomore Meghan Miller led the Scots' attack with 16 points. Junior forward Heather Gates, the leading rebounder in NCAA-Division II (14.8 rpg), recorded her sixth 20-plus rebound game of the season, as she gathered a game-high 20 boards for the Scots. **SCOT NOTES:** Gates now is second in career rebounds with 900, trailing only Montique Wade (1,113) on the all-time rebounding list...the 17 wins by the Scots are the most since the 1992-93 season, when they won 18...The 'Boro is 10-2 at McComb Fieldhouse this season...Head Coach Stan Swank is now 167-105 (.614) at EUP...The Scots are 10th in Division II in scoring average and tops in the PSAC at 81.1 points a game.

In their last game, the Golden Eagles defeated Lock Haven, 52-51 Saturday (Feb. 15) night. The Golden Eagles have won their previous three contests and five of their past six games. The Golden Eagles are led by Nelson, who averages a team-best 14 points a game. Junior guard Rachael Steinbugl (38-106 (.358) 3-pt fg) provides the three-point threat for Clarion, as she averages 1.81 threes a game, second-best in the PSAC. Freshman forward Krista Archiable leads the Eagles in rebounding, averaging 7.3 boards a game. **CLARION NOTES:** The Golden Eagles have clinched their sixth playoff appearance in the past seven years...CU leads the PSAC in three-point field goals a game, hitting 7.2 per contest. The Golden Eagles are 4-4 on the road this season...Head Coach Gie Parsons is now 150-76 (.664) in eight seasons at Clarion.

Probable Starting Lineups

Edinboro:

No	Name	Ht	Cl	Pos	1996-97 Statistics
34	Jessica Rowe	5-8	Fr	G	10.9 ppg, 3.1 rpg
50	Meghan Miller	5-6	So	G	14.0 ppg, 4.2 apg
52	Amy Rapelje	6-2	Jr	C	13.3 ppg, 8.1 rpg
54	Heather Gates	5-11	Jr	F	15.8 ppg, 14.8 rpg
42	Erin Miller	5-10	Jr	F	10.1 ppg, 3.8 rpg

Clarion:

No	Name	Ht	Cl	Pos	1996-97 Statistics
10	Dana Nelson	5-5	Jr	G	14.0 ppg, 4.5 rpg
22	Alison Campbell	5-10	So	G/F	6.8 ppg, 4.5 rpg
32	Bobbi Schneider	5-10	So	G	9.0 ppg, 3.9 rpg
25	Erica Johnson	5-7	Fr	G	7.5 ppg, 2.8 rpg
40	Tina Skelley	5-11	Sr	F	4.7 ppg, 5.9 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

CLARION UNIVERSITY GOLDEN EAGLES

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Yr	Hometown/High School
00	Shalisa Johnson	F	6-1	Fr	Hanover, MD/Ft. Meade
10	Dana Nelson	G	5-5	Jr	Pittsburgh, PA/Westinghouse
12	Kim Moses	G	5-7	Fr	Erie, PA/Mercyhurst Prep
14	Brandi Lawhorn	G	5-7	Fr	Vandergrift, PA/Kiski Area
22	Alison Campbell	G/F	5-10	So	Yoe, PA/Dallastown
24	Kathy Walton	G/F	5-9	Jr	Ellwood City, PA/Lincoln
25	Erica Johnson	G	5-7	Fr	Pittsburgh, PA/Woodland Hills
32	Bobbi Schneider	G	5-10	So	Whitaker, PA/West Mifflin
33	Krista Archiable	F	6-0	Fr	Hudson, OH/Hudson
34	Rachael Steinbugl	G	5-8	Jr	Altoona, PA/Altoona
40	Tina Skelley	F	5-11	Sr	Altoona, PA/Altoona
42	Erin Collavo	G	5-9	So	Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin
44	Joy Brown	G/F	5-9	Sr	Berlin Center, OH/Western Reserve
45	Lori Dando	G/F	5-10	So	New Castle, PA/New Castle

Head Coach: Gie Parsons

Assistant Coach: Terry Acker