

Fighting Scot Men's Team To Host First Place Clarion

(EDINBORO, Pa.) ~ The Edinboro University of Pennsylvania men's basketball team will host Clarion University on Wednesday, Feb. 19. Tip-off is at 8:00 p.m. at EUP's McComb Fieldhouse. The Scots (12-12 overall, 6-4 PSAC-West) enter the game in second place in the PSAC's Western Division. Clarion University (19-4, 9-1) has sewn up the Western Division title and will host a first-round playoff game when the PSAC postseason tournament begins on Feb. 25. IUP (6-5 PSAC-West), California (5-5) and Shippensburg (5-5), along with Edinboro are battling for the remaining three playoff slots. Edinboro will close out the regular season on Saturday (Feb. 22), hosting California University at 8:00 p.m.

Clarion won the first meeting between the two schools back on Jan. 29, 77-59 in Clarion. Senior guard Jamie Polak led four different scorers in double figures with a game-high 22 points. Junior guard Michael Cassidy led Edinboro with 19 points in the setback. With the win, the Golden Eagles ended a seven-game losing streak to Edinboro.

In their last game, the Fighting Scots defeated the University of Pittsburgh-Bradford, 96-79 on Monday (Feb. 17) evening. Junior guard Jesse Ogden was 7-11 from three-point range and scored a team-best 25 points against the Panthers. Ogden, who leads the PSAC in three-point field goals mad per game (3.6), has now made 21 treys in his last three games. Senior forward Antoine Jefferson, EUP's leading scorer this season (16.0 ppg), grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds against UPB Monday evening. **SCOT NOTES:** Edinboro is currently third in the PSAC in scoring averaging 79.7 points a game...Jefferson is averaging 17.4 points a game vs. PSAC-West opponents...Edinboro is undefeated at home in conference play this season, and own an overall mark of 10-2 at McComb Fieldhouse this year...Eighth-year head coach Greg Walcavich is 12-3 lifetime vs. Clarion

Clarion, coached by ninth-year veteran Dr. Ron Righter, defeated Lock Haven University, 77-64 on Feb. 15. Junior forward Gregg Frist, the PSAC-West "Player of the Week" scored 17 for the Golden Eagles. Frist also tallied 25 points in a 71-65 win against Slippery Rock on Feb. 12. Clarion is led by Senior guard Oronn Brown, who averages a team-best 15.7 points a game. Brown currently leads the PSAC in steals per game, averaging 4.2 a contest. Junior center Richard Turner leads CUP in rebounding, averaging 7.3 boards a game. **EAGLE NOTES:** Clarion has now won eight of their last 10 games...CU's lone PSAC loss this season came on Feb. 8-a 82-76 loss to IUP...The Eagles have captured their first PSAC-West crown since 1985.

Probable Starting Lineups

Edinboro:

No.	Name	Ht	Cl	Pos	1996-97 Statistics
20	Brian Ellis	6-7	Sr	C	9.2 ppg, 6.7 rpg
25	Jesse Ogden	6-4	Jr	G/F	13.9 ppg, 3.7 3-pt fg/g
33	Tim Miller	6-2	Sr	G	11.7 ppg, 4.1 rpg
44	Antoine Jefferson	6-6	Sr	F	16.0 ppg, 6.4 rpg
45	Michael Cassidy	6-3	Jr	G	9.1 ppg, 2.1 stlpg

Clarion:

No.	Name	Ht	Cl	Pos	1996-97 Statistics
10	Oronn Brown	6-2	Sr	G	15.7 ppg, 6.9 rpg
12	Jamie Polak	6-3	Sr	G	11.6 ppg, 2.6 rpg
21	Gregg Frist	6-4	Jr	G/F	15.6 ppg, 6.3 rpg
42	Marvin Wells	6-5	So	F	9.1 ppg, 6.7 rpg
55	Richard Turner	6-6	Jr	C	13.4 ppg, 7.3 rpg

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY FIGHTING SCOTS

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown/High School
20	Brian Ellis	F	6-7	230	Sr	Erie, PA/Academy
24	Dean Doss	G	6-0	176	Sr	East Cleveland, OH/Shaw
25	Jesse Ogden	G	6-4	195	Jr	Georgetown, ONT/Bishop Redding
31	John Saunders	G	6-2	180	Jr	Pittsburgh, PA/Langley
33	Tim Miller	G	6-2	185	Sr	Linesville, PA/Linesville
34	Corey Keyes	F	6-4	235	Sr	Homestead, PA/Steel Valley
40	Bill Besser	F	6-7	205	Fr	Jamestown, PA/Jamestown Area
44	Antoine Jefferson	F	6-6	200	Sr	Philadelphia, PA/Franklin Learn.
45	Michael Cassidy	G	6-3	210	Jr	Philadelphia, PA/Mastbaum Tech
50	Matt Kossick	C	6-7	285	Fr	Cooperstown, PA/Rocky Grove

Head Coach: Greg Walcavich (Rutgers, 1973)

Assistant Coach: Brian Cupps (Wichita State, 1994)

CLARION UNIVERSITY GOLDEN EAGLES

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown/High School
00	Brad Wright	G	6-0	185	So	Richmond, IN/Richmond
4	T' Andre Rudolph	G/F	6-2	190	So	New Castle, PA/New Castle
10	Oronn Brown	G	6-2	175	Sr	Brooklyn, N.Y./New Utrecht
12	Jamie Polak	G	6-3	180	Sr	Munhall, PA/Steel Valley
21	Gregg Frist	G/F	6-4	185	Jr	New Paris, OH/National Trail
22	Josh Adams	G	6-0	175	Jr	Altoona, PA/Altoona
23	Kevin Harris	G	6-2	170	Fr	Farmington, CT/Cheshire Prep
31	Andre Ollivierra	G/F	6-5	195	Jr	S. Brunswick, N.J./St. Francis (N.Y.)
35	Wayne Fletcher	F	6-5	190	Jr	New York, N.Y./Manhattan Center
42	Marvin Wells	F	6-5	185	So	Philadelphia, PA/Central
44	Brian Szewczykowski	F	6-6	210	Fr	Erie, PA/Cathedral Prep
52	Mike Wetzel	F	6-6	200	Fr	Coudersport, PA/Coudersport
55	Richard Turner	C	6-6	250	Jr	Pittsburgh, PA/Schenley

Head Coach: Dr. Ron Righter

Assistant Coach: Mike Power