

Edinboro Men's Basketball Looks To Stay Undefeated In Conference Play

(EDINBORO, Pa.) ~ The Edinboro University men's basketball team will host Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference rival Indiana University of Pennsylvania on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 8:00 p.m. at McComb Fieldhouse. The matchup will be the first of a home-and-home series between the two schools, as Edinboro will visit Indiana on Feb. 12.

The Scots (6-6 overall, 2-0 PSAC-West), led by eighth-year head coach Greg Walcavich, are seeking their third-straight conference win and fourth victory in a row. In their most recent game, Edinboro defeated Lock Haven University, 82-70 on Saturday (Jan 11) afternoon. Antoine Jefferson, the PSAC-West "Player of the Week," scored a team-high 25 points and pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds for the Scots in the victory. In his last two games, Jefferson has averaged 19 points and eight rebounds, in helping Edinboro off to 2-0 start in the conference. Senior center Brian Ellis continued his offensive hot-streak, scoring 15 points to go along with his 10 rebounds. Ellis also scored 22 points in a 77-71 victory at Slippery Rock in the Fighting Scots' PSAC opener on Jan. 8. Senior guard Dean Doss led the Scots' "passing attack" with a PSAC-best 14 assists against the Bald Eagles. Jefferson, who is ninth in the PSAC in scoring, at 16.8 ppg, is also second in the conference in field goal percentage, shooting 87-148 (.588) from the field. Junior forward Jesse Ogden, who averages a conference-best 4.2 three-point field goals a game, needs just five more three-pointers to pass Tyrone Mason's career record of 165. Offensively, the 'Boro is averaging 77.8 points per game, while allowing 74 points per contest. Last year, IUP won both games against the Scots, including a 74-73 come-from-behind victory at Edinboro. IUP also downed the Scots, 96-86 at Indiana and has won the past four meetings with the Scots. Edinboro last defeated IUP in February of the 1994-95 season, when they knocked off the then-number one team in Division II Indians in Indiana. Senior forward Corey Keyes (6.4 rpg) returns to the Scots after playing in the NCAA-Division II football all-star game last Saturday (Jan. 11).

Indiana, guided by first-year head coach Gary Edwards, enters the game at 7-5 overall and 1-1 in the PSAC. In their last contest, the Indians defeated California University of Pa., 80-76, on Jan. 11. Senior guard Terrance Flowers led IUP with 21 points in the win. Junior forward Chuck Karl grabbed a team-high 12 rebounds for Indiana. The Indians dropped a 63-58 road decision to Lock Haven on Jan. 8, in their PSAC-West opener. Flowers (20.3 ppg) and Karl (9.6 rpg) both rank second in the PSAC in scoring and rebounding, respectively. Karl also is shooting a conference-best 89.5% (34-38) from the free-throw line. Indiana is averaging 73.3 points per game, and allowing opponents to score 74.3 points per contest. Indiana assistant coach Kevin Reynolds makes his return to the 'Boro. The Indians are 1-2 on the road in 1996-97. Reynolds served as an assistant coach for Walcavich during the 1995-96 season.

Probable Starting Lineups

Edinboro:

No	Name	Ht	Cl	Pos	1996-97 Statistics
20	Brian Ellis	6-7	Sr	C	8.8 ppg, 6.1 rpg
24	Dean Doss	6-0	Jr	G	5.1 ppg, 4.7 apg
25	Jesse Ogden	6-4	Jr	F	14.9 ppg, 4.2 3-pt fgpg
40	Bill Besser	6-7	Fr	C	3.1 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 1.7 blkpg
45	Michael Cassidy	6-3	Jr	G	8.4 ppg, 2.3 stpg

Indiana:

No	Name	Ht	Cl	Pos	1996-97 Statistics
12	Terrance Flowers	6-0	Sr	G	20.3 ppg, 5.3 rpg
33	Chuck Karl	6-6	Jr	F	11.3 ppg, 9.6 rpg
34	John Wilkins	6-4	Jr	F	8.8 ppg, 5.1 rpg
44	Brian Lindsay	6-5	Fr	G/F	7.6 ppg, 2.3 rpg
50	Jafari Haymon	6-3	Sr	F	3.2 ppg, 4.3 rpg
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30	Alberto Farias	6-5	Jr	F	7.3 ppg, 3.7 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)

INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PA. INDIANS

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown/High School
3	Terry O'Shea	G	5-11	190	Sr	Pittsburgh, PA/Carlynton
11	Mark Faulx	G	6-1	190	Jr	Butler, PA/Knoch
12	Terrance Flowers	G	6-0	195	Sr	Chicago, IL/Senn
20	Chris Manges	F	6-5	215	Jr	Seward, PA/United
22	Erick Roberts	G/F	6-2	170	Jr	Annapolis, MD/Annapolis
23	Jermare Crump	G	6-4	210	Jr	Roanoke, VA/William Fleming
30	Alberto Farias	F	6-5	210	Jr	Las Vegas, NV/Bonanza
33	Chuck Carl	F	6-6	225	Jr	Manassas, VA/Stonewall Jackson
34	John Wilkins	F	6-4	200	Jr	Pittsburgh, PA/Allderdice
41	Jason Canose	F/C	6-8	185	Fr	Indiana, PA/Marion Center
42	Kwame Hunt	C	6-8	220	Jr	Safford, AZ/South Mountain
43	Nate Stebbins	G	6-2	190	So	Glenn Campbell, PA/Purchase Line
44	Brian Lindsay	G/F	6-5	205	Fr	Gettysburg, PA/Gettysburg
45	Justin Knewstub	F	6-6	220	Jr	Bryn Mawr, PA/Harriton
50	Jafari Haymon	F	6-3	190	Sr	Fairbanks, AK/West Valley

Head Coach: Gary Edwards

Assistant Coaches: Kevin Reynolds, Andy Sachs