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'I would like to be able to admire a man's opinions as I would his dog — without being expected to take it home with me.'

– Frank A. Clark

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Carlos Mitchell, IU Southeast sophomore guard, shoots a free throw in the Grenadier's game Feb. 2 against Alice Lloyd College. The Grenadiers defeated the Eagles, 69-55. IU Southeast will play at Indiana University East Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.

Defense key to Grenadier victory

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The IUS men's basketball team remained perfect in conference play when they defeated Alice Lloyd College 69-55 in the Activities Building Feb. 2.

The Grenadiers improved their record to 17-8 overall and 5-0 in Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The Grenadiers also have moved up to 28th in the NAIA D2 poll.

The Eagles kept the game well within reach for the first 25 minutes, but the Grenadiers smothered the Eagles defensively for the last 15 minutes of the game and extended their winning streak to five.

Coach Wiley Brown said his team did not have good practices leading up to this game.

"I knew we were going to come out sluggish. It's hard to motivate a group of young men when they have already gone up to their home turf and beat them by 21," Brown said.

It was apparent both teams were trying to push the pace from the opening tip as the Eagles jumped out to a 5-2 lead in the first two minutes of the game.

The Grenadiers fought back and took the lead for the first time 9-7 with a 3-pointer by Jazzmarr Ferguson, freshman guard, with 14:59 left in the first half.

IU Southeast pushed their lead out to seven when they led 14-7, 6:50 into the game. The Eagles hung right with the Grenadiers and took the lead back, 18-16, with 7:59 left in the first half.

The Grenadiers were out rebounded 17-14 in the first half and allowed the Eagles to shoot 46 percent for the half, but took a 30-25 lead into halftime.

"They came out and hit us hard, but we came in and adjusted in the second half," Brown said.

The Eagles came out in the second half and cut the lead to 36-33 in the first 4:30 of the second half, but that would be as close as they would get as the Grenadiers really applied the defensive pressure from that point on to shut the Eagles down.

"We didn't come out with any fire, no one was communicating out there on the floor, but one thing about this team is that they will listen and recover," Brown said. "They are resilient."

The Grenadiers made a conscious effort to pound the ball into the post in the second half.

Charlie Gonzalez, sophomore center, scored 12 of his 16 points in the second half and looked unstoppable at times.

"Charlie stepped up and played big inside. They couldn't stop him in there," Brown said. "The game is played inside-out. We were settling for jumpers and they weren't going in the first half, so we started pounding it inside."

The Grenadiers stretched the lead to five with slightly more than 10 minutes left in the game and then stepped up their full-court pressure, helping to force the Eagles to commit 20 turnovers in the second half. The Eagles had no answer for the defensive pressure applied by the Grenadiers and were held to 37 percent shooting for the second half.

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IUS men's basketball

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The team effort on defense was aided by balanced scoring on offense with four Grenadiers in double figures offensively.

Gonzalez led all scorers with 16 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks. Carlos Mitchell, sophomore guard, and Ferguson each scored 13 points. Craig Bryant, sophomore forward, also added 12 points.

"I was proud of our young men," Brown said. "You can't deny their effort. They played hard and that is what we are going to build on."

The Grenadiers are the only remaining undefeated team in conference play in the KIAC. They have won five straight and the last nine out of ten. Three of the last five games remaining are conference games, including two against preseason favorite Asbury College. These last three conference games will likely determine the regular season champion of the KIAC.

Coach Brown said that his team hasn't peaked yet.

"The sky is the limit for this team because we are such a great shooting team," Brown said.

He said if they can get the inside game working as good as it was today that teams will have to double down on the post, and that will lead to the ability to kick it back outside for open shots.

Second-half burst gives Grenadiers the win

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The IUS women's basketball team defeated the Eagles of Alice Lloyd College Feb. 2 at home by a score of 68-57.

The Grenadiers got off to a fast start offensively as they jumped out to an 18-3 lead in the first 8:45 of the game. The Eagles stepped up defensively from that point on and held the Grenadiers to just six points for the remainder of the first half.

"The first eight minutes were bad for us, but I thought we outplayed them after that," David Adams, head coach for Alice Lloyd, said.

He said he thought his team played solid defense but they could not overcome their horrible offensive start to the game.

With the Grenadiers solid first-half defensive pressure, the Eagles managed to shoot only 18 percent for the half. The Grenadiers were unable to capitalize on their defensive pressure and were only able to shoot 23 percent themselves.

The Grenadiers head coach, Robin Farris, wanted his team to push the ball up a little quicker than they did to get some early scoring opportunities before they had a chance to set up their defense.

"I was disappointed that we couldn't put them away," Farris said. "I think a lot of the reason was our shooting was abysmal in the first half."

Both teams came out shooting much better in the second half. The Eagles were able to stay with the Grenadiers with their 48 percent shooting in the closing half.

"In the second half we shot the ball better, but we allowed them to get eight 3-pointers," Farris said.

Kaylan Richardson, junior guard, hit four of her eight 3-pointers for the Eagles and finished as Alice Lloyd's top scorer with 14 points.

The Grenadiers were led by junior forward, Andrea Chambers. Chambers, the KIAC player of the week, led all scorers with 18 points, 10 rebounds and five steals. Tiffani Slaughter, sophomore center, added 16 points with a lot of good looks down low in the second half.

The Grenadiers shot 52 percent from the field in the second half but could not manage to put the Eagles away until Brittany Caple, senior guard, hit two shots late in the game to seal the outcome.

On back-to-back possessions, she hit a 3-pointer and a running jumper in the lane to put the Grenadiers up 64-53 with 1:36 left in the game. Caple finished with 11 points and two assists.

Adams said his team fought hard but they could not take advantage of opportunities they had throughout the game.

"You can't expect to win games like this with the start we had and going 13 of 24 from the free throw line," Adams said. "But you have to take your hat off to them, they are a good team and they are well coached."

Farris said the overall effort from his team was there, but as they finish the regular season and look ahead to the conference tournament, they need to work on getting better defensively and taking care of the basketball.

Photo by Greg Dassell

Lauren Brim, Grenadier freshman guard, shoots a free throw as Tia Wineinger, IU Southeast freshman forward, Sierra Wynn, Eagles sophomore forward and Kaylan Richardson, Eagles junior guard watch. The Grenadiers will play at Spalding University Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.

"To win the conference tournament you have to be a strong defensive team," Farris said. "I would like to see better and smarter play from our guards and better defense overall."

The Grenadiers won again on the road Feb. 5 against Asbury College by a score of 74-58. Whitney Duncan, freshman guard, led the Grenadiers scoring with 15 points. The Grenadiers have improved their record to 13-12 and 5-3 in the KIAC.