

Lady Grenadier inspires self to be the best

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**Tiffiani Slaughter
Women's Basketball
freshman center**

Tiffiani Slaughter, freshman center for the Lady Grenadiers, is pushing herself to be the best she can be.

Born in Louisville, Slaughter spent her first year of college at the University of Louisville before switching gears and transferring to IU Southeast.

"I came to IUS for the basketball, and because my dad recommended it," Slaughter said.

Slaughter is a sophomore in the school of business, but only a freshman when it comes to team standing.

"I was at U of L last year, but since this is my first year at IUS, I came in with four years of eligibility on the team, so that's why I'm a freshman on the team, but a sophomore in standing," she

said.

When it comes to personal achievements, Slaughter values education highly.

"I guess my greatest achievement so far was graduating high school," she said.

In regard to her careers in basketball and academics, Slaughter has accomplished a

lot in her first year at IU Southeast.

Robin Farris has been the women's basketball coach on campus for the past 17 years, many of which have resulted in championship wins.

"Tiffiani is having a very solid freshman season, averaging 12 points and 7

rebounds per game," he said.

Slaughter was recently awarded the title of Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week for Monday, Jan. 29 to Sunday, Feb. 4.

Her achievement of 23 points and 11 rebounds left her with a double-double in the Lady Grenadiers' game against Alice Lloyd on Saturday, Feb. 3.

Slaughter also has the advantage of being the tallest player on the team.

This makes her performance as a center all the more important.

Farris said Tiffiani's performance is great, but there is always room for improvement.

"The biggest point that I am trying to get across to Tiffiani is to play with more intensity in the games and to work harder in practice," Farris said.

"If she does these things, I believe she will be one of the best post players to play here."

After switching majors and changing her focus of study, Slaughter said she found something to concentrate on in the future.

"One of my dreams is to have my own business," she said.

Slaughter's interest in business comes after a previous interest in nursing.

She said she switched because she didn't enjoy a lot of the curriculum required for nursing.

"I was a nursing student before, but I just didn't like all the science," Slaughter said.

In order to have more time for basketball and academics, Slaughter doesn't work, but she said she has one hobby that takes up much of her free time. "I really love to shop," she said.

"I go shopping a couple of days each week."

As for the future, Farris said Slaughter's investment in basketball will give her experience beyond athletic ability.

"Things she learns in athletics are cooperation, self-control, poise and industriousness," Farris said.

He also said he believes Slaughter has a lot of potential as a player and a person.

"If she combines what she learns through athletics and also does well in her academic endeavors, then she will be prepared to go into the world as a young adult," Farris said.

"I believe that when she leaves here she will be able to make a difference in the world and do well for herself."

Slaughter said her idea of motivation comes from within.

"I guess I really am my own inspiration," she said.

Asbury ends men's basketball season

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The IU Southeast men's basketball team was knocked out of the semifinal round of the KIAC tournament by Asbury 87-77. The Feb. 23 defeat was the third consecutive loss to the Eagles this season.

Although the Grenadiers led 31-29 at the half, a 12-0 run to open the first 90 seconds of the second half put Asbury into a lead they would not relinquish. Asbury's 70 percent second half shooting literally shot them into the championship round.

"I think we hung our heads a little bit when they came out like that," Walt Corbean, head coach, said.

Corbean said the start of the second half is a key moment in the game and Asbury took control of that moment.

"They basically manhandled us in that first four or five minute segment," Corbean said. "We tried the best we could to fight back we just didn't have enough left in the tank."

The lead changed hands seven times in the first half but missed opportunities from the Grenadiers left the game close. IU Southeast shot 27 percent and 2 of 11 from behind the arc in the opening half.

The Grenadiers picked up right where they left off committing turnovers one after the other after the break. Asbury took full advantage scoring on every possession forcing Corbean to call timeout. IU Southeast closed the gap to five before the Eagles would go on to score 9 in a row to lead 60-46.

With 10:11 remaining, Craig Bryant's three-pointer cut the lead to 11 before Asbury would answer with

another run to lead by a game high 22 points.

A late 14-2 run would drop the deficit to 10 but the Grenadiers just ran out of time.

"It's really not a complicated game," Corbean said. "You execute and play with the intensity that's needed and the toughness that's needed and you usually come out on top."

The Grenadiers will return four starters but lose senior guard Brandon Richie for next season. Richie and freshman forward Craig Bryant earned spots on the KIAC All-Tournament Team.

"We've got to approach next year a lot differently than this year," Corbean said.

Corbean said he wants his group to take back what they said is theirs including a chance at a national championship.

Grenadiers defeat Eutectics, 101-75

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The Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament began on a good note as the Grenadiers reached the century mark in their 101-75 victory over the St. Louis College of Pharmacy Eutectics.

The IUS Men's Basketball team scored early and often in their first round win to advance to the semifinal round for the second year in a row.

"I feel really good with where we are right now," Walt Corbean, IUS Men's Basketball coach, said.

"I like our mentality and the way we're playing. We've got so many young guys that this is their first time that they've actually gone through the KIAC tournament."

IU Southeast had only two upper-classmen playing with eight players entering their first conference tournament.

The Grenadiers shot 60 percent from the floor including 73 percent in the second half.

"Our guys are very good shooters, anytime we make an adjustment, our percentages are going to be pretty high," coach Corbean said.

IU Southeast dominated a team that won only five games this season, leading by 18 after a 10-0 run with less than 8:20 to go in the first period of play.

Freshman guard Craig Bryant led the way for the Grenadiers with 14 of his team high 20 points in the first half.

"I hit two of my first three and it just felt good after that," Bryant said.

Freshman guard Brady Richie came off the bench to hit two three-pointers.

Next, Eutectic senior forward Matt Buschjost helped his team back into the game.

The Eutectics went on a 17-8 run.

They trailed 46-37 at the

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men's basketball
coach**

half.

The Grenadiers committed eight first half turnovers aiding St. Louis College of Pharmacy's comeback.

"Sometimes we get in a situation where we try to make the pretty play or we try to dot the 'i,' cross the 't' instead of making the sound play," Corbean said.

The second half began quickly with a 22-8 run by IU Southeast, opening up their lead to a 68-45 margin.

IU Southeast would stretch the lead to 80-50 with 7:02 remaining.

Corbean emptied his bench and they scored 26 second half points.

The lead would be as high as 38 before a final lay-up from the Eutectics ended their 5-19 season.

The third seeded Grenadiers faced the second seed Asbury College Eagles, Feb. 23 in a semifinal round.

"We've got to be more focused. We've got to be able to make adjustments quicker," Corbean said.

The Grenadiers lost both regular season contests against the Asbury Eagles by single digit margins.

"We're ready for some revenge, it's hard to beat a team three times in a row," Bryant said.

The IU Southeast Grenadiers improved their record to 22-9 on the season.

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