Grenadiers win home opener

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The IUS men's basketball team defeated Purdue University Calumet in their home-opener on Nov. 23 by a score of 82-63.

The win improves the Grenadier's record to 2-2.

First year Coach Wiley Brown earned his first win at home as a collegiate coach at IU Southeast.

The win also avenges a loss the Grenadiers took to the Peregrines last year at home.

The Grenadiers opened the scoring with a basket 57 seconds into the game by Charlie Gonzalez, sophomore center. The Grenadiers were able to push the pace to their liking for most of the game. Their full-court pressure was effective, forcing the Peregrines into 27 turnovers.

Coach Brown said he was pleased with the defensive effort of his team.

"They did a better job of realizing that our offense is set up by how well we play defense," Brown said. "We are not that big, but we are athletic, and I thought we did a good job keeping them out of the paint tonight."

Dejon Gary, sophomore guard, may have had the best overall game scoring five points, collecting eight rebounds, and handing out seven assists.

Gary had a big breakaway dunk with an assist from Turrell Cleaves, sophomore guard, just before halftime.

Gary was assessed with a technical foul for hanging on the rim, but the momentum stayed with the Grenadiers for the remainder of the game.

The Grenadiers led 36-29 at half-time. They extended their lead in the second-half and maintained around a 20 point lead for the rest of the game.

The Grenadier's defense limited Purdue Calumet to 28 points from the paint and led to a lot more open looks from the 3-point line.

The Grenadiers were helped with 48 points coming from the bench. The Grenadiers were led in scoring with 13 points each from Derick Hobbs, sophomore guard, and Craig Bryant, sophomore forward.

Freshman guard, Jazzmarr Ferguson, added 10 points as well.

The Grenadiers shot 46 percent from the field.

"Our offense did a better job of moving the ball around, and we were able to knock down the open shots." Brown said.

The crowd was estimated at around 200, and they were treated to a quick and effort-filled basketball game.

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The Grenadiers once again dominated the points in the paint, outscoring the Panthers 40-28 down low.

Grenadiers explode on offense

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IU Southeast defeated Purdue North Central for the second time this season on Nov. 24 by a score of 97-76. The Grenadiers improved their record to 3-2 and are over .500 for the first time this season.

IU Southeast improved their home-record to 2-0 in just two days.

The Grenadiers started out quickly and never looked back. IU Southeast started the game on a 14-6 run in the first five minutes of the game.

This would be as close as the Panthers would get.

The crowd of approximately 300 was much louder and more into the game than the previous night against Purdue University Calumet.

Coach Wiley Brown was pleased at the turnout.

"We look at our fans as an extension of our family and friends," Brown said. "We like to play at a fast pace and have fun, and we want our fans to appreciate the effort and have fun while they are here."

The fans had plenty to cheer for as the Grenadiers scored 97 total points and had five players score in double-digits.

Carlos Mitchell, sophomore guard, led the Grenadiers in scoring with 15. Derick Hobbs, sophomore guard, scored 11. Alex Gravelle, sophomore guard, Jazzmar Ferguson, freshman guard, and Jeremy Holland, sophomore forward, all scored 10.

Dejon Gary, sophomore guard, again led the Grenadiers with the best overall performance. Gary scored eight points, grabbed 14 boards and dished out seven assists. Team balance was evident as the Grenadiers got 50 points from the bench.

The Grenadiers defensive pressure forced the Panthers into 24 turnovers that led directly to 24 Grenadier points.

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The Grenadiers had a season high 30 personal fouls and 35 fouls against Bellarmine in an exhibition game. Coach Brown said because of his team's depth, he is not concerned with the amount of fouls.

"We preach the physical aspect of our defense, we don't want anyone playing less physical because they are scared to pick up another foul or worry that I will pull him because he picked up his second or third foul," Brown said.

The Grenadiers led at half 45-25 and simply cruised the entire second half. The lead stayed around 20 for the entire second half. The Panthers could not close the gap.

Coach Brown said he was a little disappointed in the defensive effort of his team in the second half.

"I keep telling them not to play the scoreboard," Brown said. "We played with a good amount of intensity in the first half, but it simply wasn't there in the second half."

The Grenadiers finished the Thanksgiving week 2-1 with two impressive wins at home against the Purdue University regional campuses. Dejon Gary was named the Arby's Player of the Week.

Tigers claw Grenadiers

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The IUS men's basketball team was defeated soundly by Georgetown College on Nov. 20 by a score of 62-95. This was the third straight game on the road to open the regular season. The Grenadiers have dropped two of the first three games to open the season at 1-2.

The number 6-ranked Georgetown College jumped all over the Grenadiers from the opening tip and sprinted out to a 15-0 run to start the game. Jeremy Holland, sophomore forward, ended the Grenadiers scoring slump with a bucket 6:28 into the game.

The first half was marred by lazy passes and bad turnovers by the Grenadiers. Coach Wiley Brown said this game will be a learning experience for his young team.

"We try to teach our kids to treat the rock like gold, and you can't be throwing the gold away," Brown said.

Georgetown led at half 40-27. That would be as close as the Grenadiers would get. Jazzmarr Ferguson, freshman guard, and Dejon Gary, sophomore guard, were two bright spots for the Grenadiers. Ferguson led the team in scoring with 13. Gary finished with 11.

IU Southeast continued to turn the ball over in the second half finishing the game with 30 turnovers and only nine assists. The Grenadiers defensive pressure was ineffective against a taller and more athletic Georgetown team. The Tigers shot 54 percent from the field for the game.

Brown said Georgetown did what they were supposed to do as an NAIA Division I team. "We have to pass the ball better and realize that good defense is where everything starts, you have to stop your man on defense." Brown said.

The Grenadiers shot 38 percent from the field, but were only able to shoot 20 percent from behind the arc. The key stat of the game is that Georgetown was able to score 35 points off turnovers.

BOX SCORE

IUS (62)

Gonzalez – 0-0,0-0,0-0; Cleaves – 1-3,1-1,0-0; Gary – 5-10,0-0,1-1; Mitchell – 2-6,0-2,0-0; Hobbs – 1-6,1-5,0-3; Gravelle – 1-4,0-0,0-0; Ferguson – 5-12,1-4,2-3; Lowery – 0-1,0-0,0-0; Holland – 2-8,0-3,2-2; Bryant – 2-6,0-2,1-2; Ryan – 3-4,1-2,0-0; Reed – 1-2,0-1,0-0; Guilinger – 2-4,0-0,2-2

GEORGETOWN (95)

Chase – 6-13,0-0,0-0; Taylor – 4-6,0-1,2-5; Turner – 3-6,0-2,0-0; Saxton, Kyle – 3-6,1-2,1-4; Graham – 5-9,0-1,5-7; Mahorn – 2-3,0-1,0-0; Guoins – 4-12,2-4,6-10; Staed – 5-6,0-0,4-6; Saxton, Bret – 2-3,0-1,0-0; Cortez – 2-3,0-0,2-2

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– Wilson Mizner

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