**#2 Women's Basketball Continues Conference Play**

Indiana Wesleyan women's basketball looks to bounce back against Huntington after suffering a 73-54 loss Against Marian University.

The Wildcats learned a lot that will help them in the upcoming games.

“I think we need to control the game a little bit more defensively,” Assistant Coach Wesley Sloan said. Having active hands against Huntington will be important.

The 73 points allowed by the Wildcats mark only the fifth time in 19 games the Wildcats allowed over 70 points.

The Wildcats are off until the 27th. Coaches and players said the break helps them rest physically and mentally.

Senior Jordan Reid said at practice on Tuesday that they are having a calmer individual day. “We have an individual day today, so just working on some shooting and getting our rhythm back before tomorrow, which is full practice.”

The Wildcats shot 0-12 from behind the three point line against Marian. Graduate Assistant Anne Secrest said it was a bit of a gut check to show that we need to get back in the gym and focus on our shooting.

Sophomore guard Jayd Hovey said that later in the week, the team will work on scenarios for the game against Huntington. “We played them before, so we kind of know what their tendencies are in the game.”

Indiana Wesleyan beat Huntington 94-63 back in November. Secrest said Huntington has good ball handlers, so that will be a focus in the preparation.

The Wildcats continue a stretch of playing 15 straight conference games. Reid said conference games are fun because everything counts.

Coach Sloan added that conference players know each other really well, which adds excitement.

Crossroads league members play twice during the regular season and potentially a third time in the playoffs. Secrest said, “It is hard to win three, so if that means we have to drop one now to be able to do better the next two games, fine with that.”

Marian claims the number one spot in the Crossroads League. Indiana Wesleyan falls to second.

Indiana Wesleyan travels to Huntington University at 1 p.m. on Jan. 27.

Coaches and players said they look forward to the second matchup at Marian on Feb. 24.

Approaching The Story

When I was first assigned the story, I was to highlight the upcoming Game against Marian. But I did not have time to do that, so I transitioned to recapping the game and talking about the upcoming game VS Huntington. I first reached out to the head coach of the girl's basketball team. I called him and got nothing back, emailed him and didn't hear anything. This was Thursday and Friday. After not getting anything back, I decided to go to his office on Monday.

Monday morning, I went to the sports information office. I asked if Coach Whaley was there, and they said he was in Michigan on Wednesday. So I ended up talking to the graduate assistant and interviewed her, and she said the assistant coach would be in at 11, so I could go interview her then. I interviewed the assistant coach. I asked when practice was to see if I could talk to some players. Tuesday afternoon, I went to practice, got those interviews, and wrote it that night, submitting it at 8 p.m.

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