

## Rowan Profs vs. William Patterson Pioneers 1/20/18

On Saturday, April Szymczyk recorded her fourth double-double on the year as she led the Profs to a 70-48 victory over the Pioneers.

Szymczyk finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds. On the defensive side, the Profs totaled 17 steals and Dominique Peters led the team with 5. The Profs improved to 11-6 overall and 8-3 in NJAC play.

“It starts with defense and then the defense gives the rest of your game energy,” said Rowan Coach Gabby Lisella, who was complementing on her team’s performance. “I think honestly, overall as a team, this was probably one of our best games of the year.”

The Pioneers would keep the game close until 2:47 left in the 2nd quarter. Peters would make a layup and convert the and-one to give Rowan the 27-25 lead. After a three pointer was hit by both teams, Szymczyk sinks a layup and the and-one free throw to give the Profs the 34-28 lead going into halftime.

The Pioneers wouldn’t take a lead in the rest of the game. Rowan outscored William Patterson 46-20 in the 2nd half.

“We try to get the team tired, and that’s usually what happens,” said Dominique Peters, talking about the Prof’s strategy in the 2nd half. “We’re running back and forth and they can’t hang with us. They got tired quick. They only run 5 people, we run 7-to-9.”

Guard Alex Raring was out for the 2nd straight game with a concussion.

“Alex is one of our leaders, on and off the court,” said April Szymczyk on Alex Raring not being on the floor during the game. “But we made sure we went out there and played for her and do it for her. We know that if she was allowed to play, she would.”

“One of the things we try to work on is preparing everyone,” said Coach Lisella on using all 13 available players in the matchup. “Different people have to step up into different roles when needed. We want to be able spread the wealth and when opportunities come your way, just be ready to step up and take advantage.”

Rowan’s next game is an NJAC matchup at Rutgers-Camden on Wednesday January 24th at 6pm.