



Bluffton University Women's Basketball

Hanover College
"Panthers"
(8-3, 4-1 HCAC)

Founders Hall
Jan. 7, 2012
1 PM

Bluffton University
"Beavers"
(2-10, 0-5 HCAC)



THE PREVIEW

WHEN: Saturday, January 7, 2012, at 1 PM

WHERE: Bluffton, Ohio (Founders Hall)

INTERNET: Watch live updates on the Bluffton University Website
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BLUFFTON, Ohio - The Bluffton University women's basketball team will look to fill the shoes of four-time All-HCAC performer Kim Miller who finished no. 1 all-time with 697 rebounds, 412 assists and 388 made free throws. The consummate team player, Miller is no. 2 on the career lists with 1,171 points (Tanya Rickenberg scored 1,241), 188 steals and 99 games started, two shy of Rickenberg's 101 career starts. The Beavers fell to nationally-ranked Otterbein and St. Mary's at the Smokey Ballenger Classic before a 63-53 loss to Defiance on Wednesday, while Hanover improved to 4-1 in the HCAC with an 86-75 win over MSJ.

The Coaches

Bluffton head coach Chad Shutler is in his seventh season, guiding the women since taking over the reigns in 2005-06. The Beavers have improved drastically under Coach Shutler, posting 15-11 mark in 2008-09 for the best Bluffton women's finish since 1995-96. Shutler's career record is currently 55-108.

The head coach for Hanover College is Molly Jones. An alum of Hanover, she is in her 14th year as the Lady Panthers' mentor. Through the past four seasons, Jones has guided her program to 78 victories, including 25 wins and an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament in 2010-11.

Last conference contest

The Bluffton women outscored Defiance College 36-29 in the second stanza, but the visitors held on for a 63-53 win over the Beavers on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012. Bluffton slipped to 2-10 overall and 0-5 in the Heartland Conference.

Four players reached double figures and the Hanover College women's basketball squad made 28 free throws in an 86-75 victory against Mount St. Joseph. The HCAC tilt was played Wednesday, Jan. 4.

2011-12 HCAC Women's Basketball Standings

Team	HCAC	GB	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Franklin	5-0	-	1.000	12-0	1.000
Hanover	4-1	1	.800	8-3	.727
Manchester	4-1	1	.800	8-4	.667
Defiance	3-2	2	.600	5-7	.417
Anderson	2-3	3	.400	5-7	.417
RHIT	2-3	3	.400	4-8	.333
Transylvania	2-3	3	.400	4-8	.333
MSJ	2-3	3	.400	2-10	.167
Earlham	1-4	4	.200	3-9	.250
Bluffton	0-5	5	.000	2-10	.167

Leading the Beavers

The Bluffton women finished seventh in the Heartland Conference a season ago, just missing out on a berth in the HCAC tournament. With five seniors leading the way in 2011-12, the Beavers have the experience needed to make the final full season in Founders Hall a memorable one. Senior Brittany Stegmaier, the leading returning scorer, is dropping in 7.3 PPG. Junior Lauren Hutton has been tough in the post, bucketing a team-high 12.1 PPG to go along with 4.5 RPG while shooting 47.0 percent from the field (54-of-115). Senior guard Brittany Lewis is hitting for 6.3 PPG and 4.3 RPG with 42 assists. Also distributing the ball is senior Alicia Amis who has a 22 assists and is also pulling down 4.2 RPG. Sophomore Kylee Burkholder is checking in with 4.8 PPG and 4.7 RPG. Freshman Mikayla Coburn is averaging 4.3 PPG and 4.1 RPG.

Projected Starters

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY "BEAVERS"

#03 Alicia Amis (PG)	SR	4.2 PPG, 4.2 RPG
#23 Brittany Lewis (G)	SR	6.3 PPG, 3.5 APG
#05 Brenna Kurilec (G)	FR	4.2 PPG, 3.4 RPG
#42 Kylee Burkholder (F)	SO	4.8 PPG, 4.7 RPG
#40 Lauren Hutton (F)	JR	12.1 PPG, 4.5 RPG

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#10 Abbey Shmahl (G)	SR	5.7 PPG, 4.2 RPG
#20 Amanda Trambaugh (G)	JR	5.0 PPG, 20-35 FG
#24 Alicia Hopkins (G)	FR	8.4 PPG, 3.6 SPG
#25 Courtney Prater (F)	JR	14.5 PPG, 7.4 RPG
#34 Sonja Bowyer (F)	SR	2.8 PPG, 3.0 RPG

2011-12 Bluffton University Basketball Statistics (2-10, 0-5 HCAC)

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds													
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fga	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg		
40	Hutton, Lauren	11-10	237	21.5	54-115	.470	4-10	.400	21-30	.700	17	33	50	4.5	27	1	12	10	5	2	133	12.1		
33	Stegmaier, Brittany	12-11	273	22.8	30-83	.361	13-46	.283	14-22	.636	7	28	35	2.9	22	0	24	22	8	9	87	7.3		
23	Lewis, Brittany	12-12	322	26.8	29-85	.341	10-40	.250	8-16	.500	15	36	51	4.3	15	0	42	33	2	8	76	6.3		
11	Cooper, Belicia	3-0	22	7.3	5-11	.455	2-3	.667	5-9	.556	3	3	6	2.0	2	0	1	2	0	3	17	5.7		
42	Burkholder, Kylee	12-3	212	17.7	21-63	.333	0-0	.000	16-26	.615	21	35	56	4.7	20	0	10	18	1	7	58	4.8		
15	Daman, Rachel	12-11	224	18.7	16-50	.320	9-25	.360	16-21	.762	8	24	32	2.7	28	0	14	9	1	8	57	4.8		
20	Coburn, Mikayla	12-0	175	14.6	17-52	.327	5-12	.417	12-16	.750	23	26	49	4.1	6	0	10	13	3	4	51	4.3		
05	Kurilec, Brenna	9-1	133	14.8	16-43	.372	1-2	.500	5-10	.500	12	19	31	3.4	13	0	10	16	2	6	38	4.2		
03	Amis, Alicia	12-12	263	21.9	15-52	.288	5-23	.217	15-26	.577	6	44	50	4.2	25	0	22	28	3	13	50	4.2		
34	Martin, Sharonda	10-0	76	7.6	16-50	.320	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	11	13	24	2.4	22	0	2	5	6	2	35	3.5		
14	Yoder, Beth	12-0	136	11.3	11-40	.275	9-33	.273	5-8	.625	4	10	14	1.2	13	0	7	8	0	1	36	3.0		
45	Inskeep, Sarah	4-0	35	8.8	5-15	.333	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	7	5	12	3.0	3	0	0	1	0	0	10	2.5		
13	Tate, Francena	11-0	114	10.4	9-26	.346	1-5	.200	6-9	.667	4	15	19	1.7	17	0	10	16	0	4	25	2.3		
24	DeBord, Rachel	11-0	112	10.2	8-31	.258	0-9	.000	4-6	.667	6	19	25	2.3	11	0	8	9	0	2	20	1.8		
32	Miller, Elizabeth	9-0	64	7.1	2-17	.118	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	4	2	6	0.7	3	0	5	1	0	1	4	0.4		
31	Neu, Andrea	1-0	2	2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0		
Team											18	20	38											5
Total.....		12	2400		254-733	.347	59-212	.278	130-208	.625	166	332	498	41.5	227	1	177	196	31	70	697	58.1		
Opponents.....		12	2400		285-735	.388	59-198	.298	154-246	.626	169	350	519	43.2	195	-	178	179	62	104	783	65.2		

Bluffton vs. Hanover all-time series

Bluffton-Hanover team stats

	<u>Bluffton</u>	<u>Hanover</u>
Points/game	58.1	69.6
Points allowed/game	65.2	60.4
Total FG	254-733	266-673
FG %	34.7 %	39.5 %
3-point FG	59-212	60-183
3-pt %	27.8 %	32.8 %
Free throws	130-208	174-257
FT %	62.5 %	67.7 %
Rebounds per game	41.5	37.0
Rebound +/-	-1.7	-4.9
Turnovers per game	16.3	17.2
Turnovers +/-	-1.4	-8.5
Steals per game	5.8	14.5
Blocks per game	2.6	2.0

Hanover has dominated Bluffton head-to-head, as the Lady Panthers have 23 wins against just six losses. This will be the 30th meeting between the schools. The series started on Jan. 10, 1998. Hanover has won five consecutive meetings with the Beavers following an 80-74 victory by Bluffton in Founders Hall on February, 7, 2009.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Location</u>
2-5-2011	Hanover	78-71	Founders Hall
1-5-2011	Hanover	78-59	Collier Arena
2-6-2010	Hanover	84-44	Collier Arena
1-6-2010	Hanover	62-58	Founders Hall
2-24-2009	Hanover	110-102 (OT)	Collier Arena
2-7-2009	Bluffton	80-74	Founders Hall

Next up for the Beavers and Panthers

Bluffton travels to Earlham for an HCAC contest with the Quakers on Wednesday, Jan. 11. Hanover welcomes Transylvania on Jan. 11. Both contests are slated for 7:30 PM.

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##	Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		----REBOUNDS----																		
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg					
25	Prater, Courtney...	11-11	256	23.3	61-142	.430	0-1	.000	38-55	.691	32	49	81	7.4	33	1	14	23	0	23	160	14.5				
24	Hopkins, Alicia....	11-7	237	21.5	32-73	.438	10-27	.370	18-21	.857	6	20	26	2.4	21	0	24	21	2	40	92	8.4				
21	Gahimer, Katie.....	11-0	147	13.4	27-66	.409	8-19	.421	10-14	.714	7	21	28	2.5	22	1	7	18	3	17	72	6.5				
12	Brewer, Katie.....	11-4	145	13.2	20-59	.339	19-45	.422	11-16	.688	2	8	10	0.9	17	0	5	5	1	5	70	6.4				
14	Weddle, Elyse.....	10-7	164	16.4	20-46	.435	0-0	.000	26-45	.578	10	13	23	2.3	18	0	9	9	0	1	66	6.6				
10	Schmahl, Abbey.....	11-11	280	25.5	14-60	.233	1-12	.083	34-45	.756	8	38	46	4.2	16	0	41	26	0	28	63	5.7				
20	Trambaugh, Amanda..	11-9	183	16.6	20-35	.571	2-2	1.000	13-17	.765	16	18	34	3.1	20	0	17	18	5	17	55	5.0				
31	Bischoff, Caitlin..	10-0	116	11.6	18-45	.400	9-24	.375	8-9	.889	5	10	15	1.5	11	0	7	8	2	6	53	5.3				
15	Morse, Natalie.....	8-2	144	18.0	18-53	.340	5-26	.192	3-4	.750	4	13	17	2.1	2	0	17	14	3	5	44	5.5				
34	Bowyer, Sonja.....	11-4	211	19.2	13-28	.464	2-5	.400	3-8	.375	12	21	33	3.0	25	1	17	14	6	8	31	2.8				
23	Withered, Kendall..	11-0	107	9.7	6-22	.273	4-18	.222	1-2	.500	3	11	14	1.3	11	0	15	7	0	7	17	1.5				
11	Caudill, Megan.....	5-0	39	7.8	7-12	.583	0-1	.000	2-5	.400	4	3	7	1.4	7	0	2	5	0	0	16	3.2				
30	Watson, Shauna.....	11-0	131	11.9	4-21	.190	0-3	.000	6-13	.462	5	10	15	1.4	13	0	12	11	0	3	14	1.3				
32	Hopf, Sarah.....	3-0	40	13.3	6-11	.545	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	4	6	10	3.3	2	0	1	1	0	0	13	4.3				
TEAM.....											25	23	48	4.4	0											9
Total.....		11	2200		266-673	.395	60-183	.328	174-257	.677	143	264	407	37.0	218	3	188	189	22	160	766	69.6				
Opponents.....		11	2200		237-600	.395	49-147	.333	141-231	.610	152	309	461	41.9	220	-	150	283	32	106	664	60.4				