



Bluffton University Women's Basketball

Manchester College
"Spartans"
(11-4, 7-1 HCAC)

Founders Hall
Jan. 18, 2012
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Bluffton University
"Beavers"
(4-11, 2-6 HCAC)



THE PREVIEW

WHEN: Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at 7:30 PM

WHERE: Bluffton, Ohio (Founders Hall)

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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 shot down Anderson 60-53 for their second consecutive victory and second HCAC win of the season on Saturday. Manchester knocked Franklin from the ranks of the unbeaten 39-36 on Saturday.

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 57-109.

Josh Dzurick is in his seventh season leading Manchester. Since arriving, the Spartans went to the NCAA tournament three of his first four years. In his first two campaigns, he was Coach of the Year in the HCAC as he led the team to consecutive 21-win seasons, including a 15-1 HCAC mark in 2006-07. His career record is 95-69.

Last conference contest

An offensive outburst to start the second half paved the way for the Beavers first back-to-back wins of the season against Anderson University on Saturday, Jan. 14. Down by three at halftime (21-18), the team went on a 27-8 jag in the first eight minutes of the second stanza to take control of the game.

Manchester's women's basketball team pulled off a 39-36 upset over undefeated, 13th ranked and league-leading Franklin College in action from Franklin's Spurlock Center on Saturday.

2011-12 HCAC Women's Basketball Standings

Team	HCAC	GB	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Franklin	7-1	-	.875	14-1	.933
Hanover	7-1	-	.875	11-3	.786
Manchester	7-1	-	.875	11-4	.733
Defiance	4-4	3	.500	6-9	.400
Transylvania	4-4	3	.500	6-9	.400
Anderson	3-5	4	.375	6-9	.400
RHIT	3-5	4	.375	5-10	.333
Bluffton	2-6	5	.250	4-11	.267
MSJ	2-6	5	.250	2-13	.133
Earlham	1-7	6	.125	3-12	.200

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 7.9 PPG after going 4-of-5 from distance at Earlham. Junior Lauren Hutton has been tough in the post, bucketing a team-high 12.2 PPG to go along with 5.0 RPG while shooting 47.2 percent from the field (68-of-144). Senior guard Brittany Lewis is hitting for 6.4 PPG and 4.5 RPG with 48 assists. Also distributing the ball is senior Alicia Amis who has 28 assists and is pulling down 3.9 RPG. Freshman Brenna Kurilec is averaging 4.0 PPG and 3.6 RPG.

Projected Starters

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY "BEAVERS"

#03 Alicia Amis (PG)	SR	4.5 PPG, 3.9 RPG
#23 Brittany Lewis (G)	SR	6.4 PPG, 3.2 APG
#33 Brittany Stegmaier (G)	SR	7.9 PPG, 2.9 RPG
#05 Brenna Kurilec (F)	FR	4.0 PPG, 3.6 RPG
#40 Lauren Hutton (F)	JR	12.2 PPG, 5.0 RPG

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#33 Jocelyn Hamilton (G)	FR	3.9 PPG, 3.7 APG
#34 Alexandra Starkey (G)	SR	7.3 PPG, 4.0 RPG
#40 Laine Mello (F)	SR	9.5 PPG, 5.3 RPG
#44 Erynn Meikeljohn (F)	SO	9.0 PPG, 4.0 RPG
#30 Kailey Honn (C)	SR	8.1 PPG, 5.0 RPG

2011-12 Bluffton University Basketball Statistics (4-11, 2-6 HCAC)

##	Player	gp-gs	min	Total			3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg	
				avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg									
40	Hutton, Lauren	14-13	314	22.4	68-144	.472	4-11	.364	31-43	.721	22	48	70	5.0	37	2	17	16	5	3	171	12.2	
33	Stegmaier, Brittany	15-14	352	23.5	41-106	.387	19-58	.328	17-26	.654	10	33	43	2.9	28	0	27	27	9	12	118	7.9	
23	Lewis, Brittany	15-15	386	25.7	37-102	.363	11-46	.239	11-23	.478	20	48	68	4.5	26	0	48	42	2	15	96	6.4	
15	Daman, Rachel	15-11	306	20.4	26-72	.361	13-38	.342	25-33	.758	12	32	44	2.9	33	0	21	12	2	12	90	6.0	
42	Burkholder, Kylee	15-3	253	16.9	24-72	.333	0-0	.000	22-35	.629	24	45	69	4.6	28	0	11	22	1	8	70	4.7	
03	Amis, Alicia	15-15	330	22.0	19-65	.292	6-29	.207	23-42	.548	7	52	59	3.9	33	0	28	36	3	18	67	4.5	
11	Cooper, Belicia	4-0	27	6.8	5-12	.417	2-3	.667	5-9	.556	3	4	7	1.8	3	0	1	3	0	4	17	4.3	
05	Kurilec, Brenna	12-4	171	14.3	21-59	.356	1-3	.333	5-10	.500	16	27	43	3.6	19	0	11	25	2	8	48	4.0	
20	Coburn, Mikayla	15-0	214	14.3	20-60	.333	5-14	.357	12-16	.750	24	31	55	3.7	10	0	11	19	3	7	57	3.8	
34	Martin, Sharonda	13-0	85	6.5	20-58	.345	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	12	15	27	2.1	23	0	2	5	6	3	43	3.3	
45	Inskeep, Sarah	5-0	41	8.2	6-17	.353	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	7	5	12	2.4	4	0	1	1	0	0	12	2.4	
14	Yoder, Beth	15-0	158	10.5	11-47	.234	9-39	.231	5-8	.625	4	11	15	1.0	14	0	7	9	0	1	36	2.4	
13	Tate, Francena	13-0	129	9.9	10-31	.323	1-7	.143	8-11	.727	6	17	23	1.8	18	0	14	20	0	6	29	2.2	
24	DeBord, Rachel	14-0	158	11.3	12-42	.286	0-10	.000	4-6	.667	7	26	33	2.4	16	0	13	14	0	3	28	2.0	
31	Neu, Andrea	2-0	4	2.0	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	1.5	
32	Miller, Elizabeth	10-0	72	7.2	2-17	.118	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	4	2	6	0.6	4	0	7	2	0	1	4	0.4	
Team											19	24	43										
Total.....		15	3000		323-905	.357	72-263	.274	171-271	.631	197	420	617	41.1	296	2	220	258	33	101	889	59.3	
Opponents.....		15	3000		351-910	.386	75-249	.301	202-320	.631	206	436	642	42.8	249	-	221	238	68	139	979	65.3	

Bluffton-Manchester team stats

	<u>Bluffton</u>	<u>Manchester</u>
Points/game	59.3	55.1
Points allowed/game	65.3	49.3
Total FG	323-905	316-873
FG %	35.7 %	36.2 %
3-point FG	72-263	29-146
3-pt %	27.4 %	19.9 %
Free throws	171-271	165-256
FT %	63.1 %	64.5 %
Rebounds per game	41.1	40.2
Rebound +/-	-1.7	+2.2
Turnovers per game	17.2	16.5
Turnovers +/-	-1.3	+3.5
Steals per game	6.7	9.7
Blocks per game	2.2	4.2

Bluffton vs. Manchester all-time series

The Beavers-Spartans head-to-head series dates back to the 1979-80 season. The Spartans lead the all-time series 24-13, including winning 12 of the last 13. Bluffton snapped a nine-game losing streak to the Spartans with a convincing 62-42 win in Founders on Jan. 13, 2010. The last Bluffton victory at North Manchester came on Jan. 10, 2001, a string of 10 consecutive setbacks on the road.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Location</u>
2-9-11	Manchester	60-55	Founders Hall
1-12-11	Manchester	58-57	Away
2-10-10	Manchester	60-57	Away
1-13-10	Bluffton	62-42	Founders Hall
1-28-09	Manchester	84-76	Founders Hall

Next up for the Beavers and Spartans

After Wednesday's game, both teams will be in action on Saturday, Jan. 21. Bluffton hosts Rose-Hulman for a 1 p.m. tip, while the Spartans welcome Mt. St. Joseph at 3 p.m.

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##	Player	GP-GS	Min-Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		FT-FTA	Pct	---REBOUNDS---											Pts	Avg
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct			Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl			
40	Mello, Laine	15-10	300-20.0	57-118	.483	1-8	.125	27-42	.643	31	49	80	5.3	27	0	14	28	10	22	142	9.5	
44	Meiklejohn, Erynn	15-14	325-21.7	55-123	.447	2-8	.250	23-39	.590	21	39	60	4.0	45	2	1	28	6	8	135	9.0	
30	Honn, Kailey	15-14	367-24.5	46-130	.354	4-15	.267	25-40	.625	26	49	75	5.0	30	1	28	24	25	17	121	8.1	
34	Starkey, Alexandra	15-15	435-29.0	46-135	.341	6-31	.194	11-19	.579	22	38	60	4.0	23	2	36	30	9	21	109	7.3	
31	Childress, Jaimie	12-2	224-18.7	21-89	.236	10-49	.204	5-13	.385	6	25	31	2.6	21	0	14	16	4	15	57	4.8	
23	Schweitzer, Abby	14-0	158-11.3	21-44	.477	0-0	.000	15-19	.789	10	25	35	2.5	13	0	5	17	0	6	57	4.1	
33	Hamilton, Jocelyn	15-15	391-26.1	18-50	.360	1-9	.111	21-27	.778	16	28	44	2.9	24	0	55	33	0	22	58	3.9	
04	Lang, Abby	15-0	246-16.4	20-54	.370	5-18	.278	9-11	.818	15	22	37	2.5	14	0	11	19	4	9	54	3.6	
20	Lowden, Becki	15-5	258-17.2	18-60	.300	0-3	.000	11-22	.500	23	42	65	4.3	10	0	14	16	3	14	47	3.1	
12	Hammond, Alyssa	4-0	14-3.5	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	7-12	.583	2	3	5	1.3	0	0	0	1	1	0	9	2.3	
11	Moss, Janelle	12-0	104-8.7	12-51	.235	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	5	8	13	1.1	10	0	1	15	1	5	26	2.2	
21	Ailor, Caitlyn	14-0	193-13.8	1-14	.071	0-2	.000	9-10	.900	9	6	15	1.1	6	0	12	12	0	6	11	0.8	
22	Sizemore, Hailee	4-0	10-2.5	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
MANCHESTER		15	3025	316-873	.362	29-146	.199	165-256	.645	217	386	603	40.2	223	5	191	247	63	145	826	55.1	
Opponents		15	3025	257-776	.331	45-200	.225	180-266	.677	180	390	570	38.0	241	-	135	299	60	128	739	49.3	