



Bluffton University Women's Basketball

Rose-Hulman
"Engineers"
(5-11, 3-6 HCAC)

Founders Hall
Jan. 21, 2012
1 PM

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"Beavers"
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THE PREVIEW

WHEN: Saturday, January 21, 2012, at 1 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 took down HCAC-leading Manchester 54-50 on Wednesday night in Founders Hall for Bluffton's third consecutive win. RHIT slipped to 5-11 overall and 3-6 in the HCAC with a loss to Franklin on Wednesday.

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 58-109.

The head coach of Rose-Hulman is Jon Prevo. Coach Prevo led the Engineers to a school-record 21 victories during his first season (2006-07), and HCAC tournament appearances his first two years. Currently in his sixth season, his career record at Rose is now 59-84. During his first season, the Engineers set 19 school records.

Last conference contest

The Beavers earned their third straight HCAC victory on Wednesday, Jan. 18, taking down Manchester College, 54-50, in Founders Hall. The Spartans came into the game sitting at the top of the HCAC standings after a 39-36 victory over previously-unbeaten Franklin College on Saturday

Nationally ranked Franklin College improved to 15-1 on the season with a 64-38 women's basketball victory over Rose-Hulman on Wednesday night. Senior Alisa Dickerson led all scorers with game-highs of 19 points and five steals.

2011-12 HCAC Women's Basketball Standings

| Team | HCAC | GB | Pct. | Overall | Pct. |
|--------------|------|----|------|---------|------|
| Franklin | 8-1 | - | .889 | 15-1 | .938 |
| Hanover | 8-1 | - | .889 | 12-3 | .800 |
| Manchester | 7-2 | 1 | .778 | 11-5 | .688 |
| Defiance | 5-4 | 3 | .556 | 7-9 | .438 |
| Transylvania | 5-4 | 3 | .556 | 7-9 | .438 |
| Anderson | 3-6 | 5 | .333 | 6-10 | .375 |
| Bluffton | 3-6 | 5 | .333 | 5-11 | .312 |
| RHIT | 3-6 | 5 | .333 | 5-11 | .312 |
| MSJ | 2-7 | 6 | .222 | 2-14 | .125 |
| Earlham | 1-8 | 7 | .111 | 3-13 | .188 |

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 8.3 PPG after three straight games in double figures. Junior Lauren Hutton has been tough in the post, bucketing a team-high 12.7 PPG to go along with 5.3 RPG while shooting 47.2 percent from the field (75-of-159). Senior guard Brittany Lewis is hitting for 6.2 PPG and 4.6 RPG with 49 assists. Also distributing the ball is senior Alicia Amis who has 29 assists and is pulling down 3.7 RPG.

Projected Starters

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY "BEAVERS"

| | | |
|----------------------------|----|-------------------|
| #03 Alicia Amis (PG) | SR | 4.4 PPG, 3.7 RPG |
| #23 Brittany Lewis (G) | SR | 6.2 PPG, 3.1 APG |
| #33 Brittany Stegmaier (G) | SR | 8.3 PPG, 3.1 RPG |
| #05 Brenna Kurilec (F) | FR | 3.7 PPG, 3.4 RPG |
| #40 Lauren Hutton (F) | JR | 12.7 PPG, 5.3 RPG |

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|-------------------------|----|-------------------|
| #23 Heather Finnell (G) | SO | 6.8 PPG, 2.9 RPG |
| #25 Sheree Williams (G) | FR | 8.1 PPG, 2.8 RPG |
| #42 Grace Gibbs (F) | FR | 4.7 PPG, 7.1 RPG |
| #45 Alisa Dickerson (F) | SR | 18.0 PPG, 7.4 RPG |
| #50 Kelsey Ploof (C) | SO | 12.2 PPG, 6.9 RPG |

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| ## | Player | gp-gs | min | avg | Total | | 3-Point | | F-Throw | | Rebounds | | | | | pts | avg | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---------------------|-------|------|------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|------|----------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|------|------|--|--|
| | | | | | fg-fga | fg% | 3fg-fga | 3fg% | ft-fa | ft% | off | def | tot | avg | pf | | | dq | a | to | blk | stl | | |
| 40 | Hutton, Lauren | 15-14 | 348 | 23.2 | 75-159 | .472 | 4-12 | .333 | 36-48 | .750 | 24 | 55 | 79 | 5.3 | 40 | 2 | 18 | 16 | 5 | 4 | 190 | 12.7 | | |
| 33 | Stegmaier, Brittany | 16-15 | 382 | 23.9 | 45-115 | .391 | 21-64 | .328 | 21-30 | .700 | 10 | 39 | 49 | 3.1 | 32 | 0 | 30 | 31 | 12 | 12 | 132 | 8.3 | | |
| 23 | Lewis, Brittany | 16-16 | 412 | 25.8 | 38-106 | .358 | 12-49 | .245 | 11-23 | .478 | 21 | 52 | 73 | 4.6 | 29 | 0 | 49 | 46 | 2 | 17 | 99 | 6.2 | | |
| 15 | Daman, Rachel | 16-11 | 336 | 21.0 | 27-74 | .365 | 14-40 | .350 | 28-37 | .757 | 12 | 37 | 49 | 3.1 | 36 | 0 | 23 | 15 | 2 | 13 | 96 | 6.0 | | |
| 42 | Burkholder, Kylee | 16-3 | 263 | 16.4 | 26-78 | .333 | 0-0 | .000 | 22-35 | .629 | 26 | 45 | 71 | 4.4 | 29 | 0 | 12 | 22 | 1 | 8 | 74 | 4.6 | | |
| 03 | Amis, Alicia | 16-16 | 364 | 22.8 | 20-71 | .282 | 7-32 | .219 | 23-42 | .548 | 7 | 52 | 59 | 3.7 | 34 | 0 | 29 | 38 | 3 | 19 | 70 | 4.4 | | |
| 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 | | |
| 20 | Coburn, Mikayla | 16-0 | 231 | 14.4 | 22-64 | .344 | 5-14 | .357 | 13-18 | .722 | 26 | 33 | 59 | 3.7 | 10 | 0 | 14 | 19 | 3 | 9 | 62 | 3.9 | | |
| 05 | Kurilec, Brenna | 13-5 | 175 | 13.5 | 21-60 | .350 | 1-3 | .333 | 5-10 | .500 | 17 | 27 | 44 | 3.4 | 20 | 0 | 11 | 28 | 2 | 8 | 48 | 3.7 | | |
| 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 | | |
| 14 | Yoder, Beth | 16-0 | 168 | 10.5 | 11-50 | .220 | 9-41 | .220 | 5-8 | .625 | 4 | 11 | 15 | 0.9 | 14 | 0 | 8 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 36 | 2.3 | | |
| 13 | Tate, Francena | 14-0 | 131 | 9.4 | 10-31 | .323 | 1-7 | .143 | 8-11 | .727 | 6 | 17 | 23 | 1.6 | 18 | 0 | 14 | 20 | 0 | 6 | 29 | 2.1 | | |
| 45 | Inskeep, Sarah | 6-0 | 41 | 6.8 | 6-17 | .353 | 0-0 | .000 | 0-3 | .000 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 2.0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 2.0 | | |
| 24 | DeBord, Rachel | 15-0 | 161 | 10.7 | 12-42 | .286 | 0-10 | .000 | 4-6 | .667 | 7 | 26 | 33 | 2.2 | 17 | 0 | 13 | 15 | 0 | 3 | 28 | 1.9 | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | 20 | 25 | 45 | | | | | | 7 | | | | | |
| Total..... | | 16 | 3200 | | 341-955 | .357 | 77-280 | .275 | 184-286 | .643 | 206 | 445 | 651 | 40.7 | 313 | 2 | 233 | 278 | 36 | 108 | 943 | 58.9 | | |
| Opponents..... | | 16 | 3200 | | 367-962 | .381 | 75-250 | .300 | 220-342 | .643 | 218 | 460 | 678 | 42.4 | 264 | - | 231 | 255 | 74 | 142 | 1029 | 64.3 | | |

Bluffton vs. Rose-Hulman all-time series

This recently initiated series is only in its sixth season. The first contest was an 81-56 victory by Rose on Dec. 9, 2006. This will be the 12th meeting between the schools, with RHIT holding a slim 6-5 edge. The last time these foes squared off in Founders Hall, Bluffton claimed a 58-51 victory over the Engineers on January 8, 2011.

Bluffton-RHIT team stats

| | <u>Bluffton</u> | <u>RHIT</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Points/game | 58.9 | 51.6 |
| Points allowed/game | 64.3 | 59.9 |
| Total FG | 341-955 | 280-735 |
| FG % | 35.7 % | 38.1 % |
| 3-point FG | 77-280 | 45-143 |
| 3-pt % | 27.5 % | 31.5 % |
| Free throws | 184-286 | 220-333 |
| FT % | 64.3 % | 66.1 % |
| Rebounds per game | 40.7 | 35.0 |
| Rebound +/- | -1.7 | +0.2 |
| Turnovers per game | 17.4 | 21.4 |
| Turnovers +/- | -1.4 | -6.4 |
| Steals per game | 6.8 | 6.3 |
| Blocks per game | 2.3 | 3.1 |

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Winner</u> | <u>Score</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 12-10-11 | RHIT | 61-49 | Terre Haute, IN |
| 2-12-11 | RHIT | 66-44 | Terre Haute, IN |
| 1-8-11 | Bluffton | 58-51 | Founders Hall |
| 2-13-10 | RHIT | 68-59 | Founders Hall |
| 1-9-10 | Bluffton | 56-43 | Terre Haute, IN |
| 1-24-09 | Bluffton | 67-53 | Founders Hall |

Next up for the Beavers and Engineers

After today's game both teams will be back in action on Wednesday, Jan. 25. Bluffton welcomes Earlham College, while the Engineers welcome Manchester. Both contests are slated for 7:30 PM.

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| ## | Player | gp-gs | min | avg | Total | | 3-Point | | F-Throw | | Rebounds | | | | | pts | avg | | | | | | | |
|----------------|------------------|-------|------|------|---------|-----|---------|------------|---------|-------|----------|-----|------|-----|----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|------|------|--|--|
| | | | | | fg-fga | fg% | 3fg-fga | 3fg% | ft-fa | ft% | off | def | tot | avg | pf | | | dq | a | to | blk | stl | | |
| 45 | Dickerson, Alisa | 16-16 | 587 | 36.7 | 90-199 | .45 | 20-42 | .47 | 88-113 | .77 | 30 | 89 | 119 | 7.4 | 34 | 1 | 48 | 59 | 32 | 30 | 288 | 18.0 | | |
| 50 | Ploof, Kelsey | 13-11 | 340 | 26.2 | 52-105 | .49 | 0-1 | .00 | 54-74 | .73 | 37 | 53 | 90 | 6.9 | 53 | 4 | 13 | 41 | 4 | 18 | 158 | 12.2 | | |
| 25 | Williams, Sheree | 16-16 | 517 | 32.3 | 48-129 | .37 | 12-33 | .36 | 22-34 | .64 | 6 | 39 | 45 | 2.8 | 46 | 3 | 25 | 77 | 1 | 16 | 130 | 8.1 | | |
| 23 | Finnell, Heather | 16-16 | 596 | 37.2 | 38-149 | .25 | 13-66 | .19 | 19-39 | .48 | 15 | 31 | 46 | 2.9 | 33 | 0 | 26 | 60 | 10 | 17 | 108 | 6.8 | | |
| 42 | Gibbs, Grace | 16-16 | 500 | 31.3 | 26-83 | .31 | 0-1 | .00 | 23-38 | .60 | 26 | 87 | 113 | 7.1 | 12 | 0 | 16 | 35 | 0 | 10 | 75 | 4.7 | | |
| 52 | Rollins, Chris | 16-5 | 308 | 19.3 | 16-44 | .36 | 0-0 | .00 | 9-22 | .40 | 9 | 29 | 38 | 2.4 | 37 | 1 | 9 | 30 | 2 | 2 | 41 | 2.6 | | |
| 35 | Fuhs, Emily | 14-0 | 215 | 15.4 | 9-19 | .47 | 0-0 | .00 | 3-10 | .30 | 4 | 27 | 31 | 2.2 | 11 | 0 | 4 | 16 | 1 | 4 | 21 | 1.5 | | |
| 30 | Dalton, Jaci | 14-0 | 135 | 9.6 | 1-5 | .20 | 0-0 | .00 | 1-2 | .50 | 4 | 11 | 15 | 1.1 | 13 | 0 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0.2 | | |
| 24 | Uuk, Kristin | 1-0 | 14 | 14.0 | 0-2 | .00 | 0-0 | .00 | 1-1 | 1.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | | |
| 14 | Mantell, Alyssa | 2-0 | 13 | 6.5 | 0-0 | .00 | 0-0 | .00 | 0-0 | .00 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | |
| Team | | | | | | | | | | | 27 | 35 | 62 | | | | | | 7 | | | | | |
| Total..... | | 16 | 3225 | | 280-735 | .38 | 45-143 | .31220-333 | .66 | 158 | 402 | 560 | 35.0 | 241 | 9 | 144 | 342 | 50 | 101 | 825 | 51.6 | | | |
| Opponents..... | | 16 | 3225 | | 350-914 | .38 | 76-273 | .27182-268 | .67 | 205 | 352 | 557 | 34.8 | 289 | 7 | 195 | 239 | 42 | 195 | 958 | 59.9 | | | |