



Bluffton University Women's Basketball

Manchester College
"Spartans"
(14-7, 10-4 HCAC)

Stauffer-Wolfe Arena
Feb. 8, 2012
7:30 PM

Bluffton University
"Beavers"
(8-13, 6-8 HCAC)



THE PREVIEW

WHEN: Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at 7:30 PM
WHERE: North Manchester, Indiana (Stauffer-Wolfe Arena)
INTERNET: Watch live updates on the Manchester College 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 (8-13, 6-8 HCAC) inched closer to a berth in the upcoming HCAC tournament when Bluffton completed its sweep of Anderson 61-49 in Founders Hall on Hall of Fame Day. Manchester slipped to 14-7 overall and 10-4 in the HCAC with a 66-51 loss to #14 Franklin College 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 61-111.

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 109-76.

Last conference contest

The Bluffton University women snapped their two-game skid and pulled out a hard fought victory over Anderson, 61-49, on Saturday. Lauren Hutton led the way for the Beavers as she notched her third career double-double with 20 points and 10 boards while also handing out four assists.

Manchester's women's basketball team fell to #14 in the nation and league-leading Franklin College 66-51 at home on Saturday. Erynn Meiklejohn led MC with 13 points, hitting 3-of-5 field goals and 7-of-8 free throws.

2011-12 HCAC Women's Basketball Standings

Team	HCAC	GB	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Franklin	13-1	-	.929	20-1	.952
Hanover	12-2	1	.857	16-4	.800
Manchester	10-4	3	.714	14-7	.667
Transylvania	9-5	4	.643	11-10	.524
Defiance	7-7	6	.500	9-12	.429
Bluffton	6-8	7	.429	8-13	.381
Anderson	5-9	8	.357	8-13	.381
RHIT	4-10	9	.286	6-15	.286
MSJ	3-11	10	.214	3-18	.143
Earlham	1-13	12	.071	3-18	.143

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. Junior Lauren Hutton has been tough in the post, bucketing a team-high 12.7 PPG to go along with 5.6 RPG while shooting 46.7 percent from the field (100-of-214). Senior Brittany Stegmaier, the leading returning scorer, is dropping in 8.4 PPG after five of eight games in double figures. Senior guard Brittany Lewis is hitting for 6.5 PPG and 4.2 RPG with a team-high 66 assists. Also distributing the ball is senior Alicia Amis who has 40 assists and is pulling down 4.0 RPG. Senior Rachel Daman has put up 10.5 PPG over the last eight contests.

Projected Starters

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#03 Alicia Amis (PG)	SR	4.5 PPG, 4.0 RPG
#23 Brittany Lewis (G)	SR	6.5 PPG, 3.1 APG
#15 Rachel Daman (G)	SR	7.0 PPG, 42-52 FT
#33 Brittany Stegmaier (G)	SR	8.4 PPG, 3.1 RPG
#40 Lauren Hutton (F)	JR	12.7 PPG, 5.6 RPG

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#21 Caitlyn Ailor (G)	FR	1.4 PPG, 1.3 RPG
#34 Alexandra Starkey (G)	SR	6.9 PPG, 4.0 RPG
#40 Laine Mello (F)	SR	8.5 PPG, 5.0 RPG
#44 Erynn Meiklejohn (F)	SO	9.9 PPG, 4.0 RPG
#30 Kailey Honn (C)	SR	7.6 PPG, 1.9 BPG

2011-12 Bluffton University Basketball Statistics (8-13, 6-8 HCAC)

#	Player	gp-gs	min	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	20-19	474	23.7	100-214	.467	4-13	.308	49-68	.721	30	82	112	5.6	51	2	25	24	8	6	253	12.7
33	Stegmaier, Brittany	21-19	530	25.2	59-162	.364	30-99	.303	29-40	.725	16	49	65	3.1	37	0	36	44	14	14	177	8.4
15	Daman, Rachel	21-16	474	22.6	41-108	.380	22-62	.355	42-52	.808	14	45	59	2.8	45	0	29	20	2	18	146	7.0
23	Lewis, Brittany	21-21	553	26.3	52-142	.366	13-59	.220	20-34	.588	24	65	89	4.2	39	0	66	58	3	27	137	6.5
03	Amis, Alicia	21-21	504	24.0	27-95	.284	11-41	.268	29-50	.580	14	69	83	4.0	45	0	40	49	3	22	94	4.5
42	Burkholder, Kylee	21-3	333	15.9	30-91	.330	0-0	.000	30-45	.667	34	60	94	4.5	35	0	15	27	1	10	90	4.3
20	Coburn, Mikayla	21-0	298	14.2	29-77	.377	6-17	.353	16-22	.727	30	45	75	3.6	13	0	17	25	3	13	80	3.8
11	Cooper, Belicia	5-0	29	5.8	5-12	.417	2-3	.667	5-9	.556	3	4	7	1.4	3	0	1	3	0	5	17	3.4
05	Kurilec, Brenna	18-6	219	12.2	27-73	.370	1-5	.200	5-11	.455	19	33	52	2.9	24	0	13	35	2	9	60	3.3
34	Martin, Sharonda	14-0	89	6.4	20-58	.345	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	12	16	28	2.0	24	0	2	6	6	3	43	3.1
14	Yoder, Beth	21-0	216	10.3	16-66	.242	12-52	.231	5-8	.625	4	13	17	0.8	15	0	10	10	0	2	49	2.3
13	Tate, Francena	17-0	145	8.5	11-33	.333	1-7	.143	8-13	.615	6	17	23	1.4	20	0	17	22	0	7	31	1.8
24	DeBord, Rachel	19-0	208	10.9	13-50	.260	0-13	.000	6-8	.750	9	28	37	1.9	22	0	16	17	0	3	32	1.7
45	Inskeep, Sarah	8-0	45	5.6	6-18	.333	0-0	.000	1-5	.200	7	5	12	1.5	4	0	1	1	0	0	13	1.6
31	Neu, Andrea	3-0	6	2.0	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	1-2	.500	1	0	1	0.3	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	1.3
32	Miller, Elizabeth	12-0	77	6.4	3-19	.158	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	4	3	7	0.6	5	0	7	2	0	1	7	0.6
Team											27	35	62				9					
Total.....		21	4200		440-1219	.361	104-377	.276	249-373	.668	254	569	823	39.2	383	2	296	352	42	140	1233	58.7
Opponents.....		21	4200		478-1232	.388	95-324	.293	282-423	.667	262	588	850	40.5	346	-	297	322	91	173	1333	63.5

Bluffton-Manchester team stats

	<u>Bluffton</u>	<u>Manchester</u>
Points/game	58.7	53.5
Points allowed/game	63.5	50.0
Total FG	440-1219	420-1150
FG %	36.1 %	36.5 %
3-point FG	104-377	35-168
3-pt %	27.6 %	20.8 %
Free throws	249-373	248-385
FT %	66.8 %	64.4 %
Rebounds per game	39.2	38.0
Rebound +/-	-1.3	+0.6
Turnovers per game	16.8	16.7
Turnovers +/-	-1.4	+2.5
Steals per game	6.7	8.6
Blocks per game	2.0	4.8

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 24-14, including winning 12 of the last 14. Bluffton has won two of the last three in Founders, including a 54-50 win on January 18, 2012. 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>
1-18-12	Bluffton	54-50	Founders Hall
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

Next up for the Beavers and Spartans

After Wednesday's game, both teams will be in action on Saturday, Feb. 11. Bluffton heads to Hanover for a 2 p.m. tip, while the Spartans travel to Transylvania for a 1 p.m. contest with the Pioneers.

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44	Meiklejohn, Erynn	21-20	469	22.3	82-177	.463	2-11	.182	41-61	.672	27	56	83	4.0	61	2	8	40	13	9	207	9.9
40	Mello, Laine	21-16	416	19.8	72-156	.462	1-10	.100	33-58	.569	35	71	106	5.0	39	0	17	38	15	24	178	8.5
30	Honn, Kailey	20-19	483	24.2	58-166	.349	5-17	.294	30-46	.652	29	63	92	4.6	41	1	35	35	37	19	151	7.6
34	Starkey, Alexandra	21-21	617	29.4	60-181	.331	7-36	.194	17-32	.531	32	51	83	4.0	32	2	49	42	14	27	144	6.9
31	Childress, Jaimie	18-2	317	17.6	26-108	.241	12-54	.222	10-22	.455	7	32	39	2.2	28	0	21	22	4	22	74	4.1
23	Schweitzer, Abby	20-0	244	12.2	28-57	.491	0-1	.000	26-33	.788	13	45	58	2.9	20	0	9	30	0	8	82	4.1
04	Lang, Abby	21-0	369	17.6	27-74	.365	7-20	.350	18-25	.720	20	38	58	2.8	21	0	19	29	6	16	79	3.8
33	Hamilton, Jocelyn	17-17	431	25.4	18-54	.333	1-9	.111	25-31	.806	16	29	45	2.6	26	0	64	35	0	23	62	3.6
20	Lowden, Becki	21-6	355	16.9	22-75	.293	0-4	.000	17-28	.607	29	48	77	3.7	13	0	18	21	9	19	61	2.9
11	Moss, Janelle	17-0	150	8.8	21-74	.284	0-1	.000	4-7	.571	8	9	17	1.0	17	0	3	20	2	7	46	2.7
12	Hammond, Alyssa	7-0	25	3.6	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	8-17	.471	2	5	7	1.0	1	0	0	2	1	0	10	1.4
21	Ailor, Caitlyn	20-4	334	16.7	4-22	.182	0-3	.000	19-25	.760	10	15	25	1.3	8	0	18	22	0	6	27	1.4
22	Sizemore, Hailee	7-0	15	2.1	1-3	.333	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.3
Team											42	64	106		1		14					
Total.....		21	4225		420-1150	.365	35-168	.208	248-385	.644	270	528	798	38.0	309	5	261	350	101	180	1123	53.5
Opponents.....		21	4225		365-1092	.334	72-297	.242	249-357	.697	250	535	785	37.4	350	-	207	402	79	178	1051	50.0