



Bluffton University Women's Basketball

Transylvania University
"Pioneers"
(2-5, 1-2 HCAC)

Beck Center
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2 PM

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THE PREVIEW

WHEN: Saturday, December 17, 2011, at 2 PM

WHERE: Lexington, Kentucky (Beck Center)

INTERNET: Watch live updates on the Bluffton University Website
<http://www.sidearmstats.com/transy/wball/index.htm>

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 dropped a Heartland Conference road contest at Rose-Hulman on Saturday by a final score of 61-49. Transy fell to 2-5 overall (1-2 HCAC) with a 61-48 setback at Manchester 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 55-103.

The head coach for the Pioneers is Greg Todd. He took over in 2006-07 and promptly led the team to the following accomplishments: a 19-9 record; a second-place finish in the HCAC conference tournament; and an at-large bid in the NCAA Division III tournament (the school's first ever appearance). His teams are 62-20 in the HCAC over the last five seasons.

Last conference contest

Bluffton rallied to take a 45-42 lead with 8:21 to play before RHIT went on a 19-4 run for a 61-49 victory over the Beavers on Saturday, Dec. 10. Lauren Hutton led the Beavers with 11 points and she also pulled down six rebounds.

Manchester used a 22-6 run to open the second half Saturday to vault to a 61-48 win over Transy in women's Heartland Conference basketball play. Transy was led by Nicole Coffman, who tallied a career-best 10 points, and Alex McKenzie added eight points and eight rebounds.

2011-12 HCAC Women's Basketball Standings

Team	HCAC	GB	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Franklin	4-0	-	1.000	9-0	1.000
Anderson	2-0	1	1.000	3-3	.500
Hanover	2-1	1.5	.667	4-1	.800
Manchester	2-1	1.5	.667	5-3	.625
MSJ	2-1	1.5	.667	2-6	.250
Defiance	1-2	2.5	.333	2-5	.286
Transylvania	1-2	2.5	.333	2-5	.286
RHIT	1-2	2.5	.333	1-5	.167
Bluffton	0-3	3.5	.000	2-5	.286
Earlham	0-3	3.5	.000	1-7	.125

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 6.4 PPG. Junior Lauren Hutton has been tough in the post, bucketing a team-high 13.2 PPG to go along with 4.2 RPG while shooting 47.1 percent from the field (28-of-59). Senior guard Brittany Lewis is hitting for 7.7 PPG and 4.4 RPG with 27 assists and 10-of-30 from three-point land. Also distributing the ball is senior Alicia Amis who has a 17 assists and is also pulling down 5.3 RPG. Sophomore Kylee Burkholder is checking in with 5.0 PPG and 4.3 RPG.

Projected Starters

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY "BEAVERS"

#03 Alicia Amis (PG)	SR	5.1 PPG, 5.3 RPG
#23 Brittany Lewis (G)	SR	7.7 PPG, 3.9 APG
#15 Rachel Daman (G)	SR	5.3 PPG, 3.6 RPG
#33 Brittany Stegmaier (G)	SR	6.4 PPG, 2.6 APG
#40 Lauren Hutton (F)	JR	13.2 PPG, 4.2 RPG

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#20 Jariana Gillespie (G)	FR	9.4 PPG, 3.4 APG
#2 Kennae Demus (F)	SR	6.0 PPG, 3.1 RPG
#35 Terra Lucas (F)	JR	7.1 PPG, 3.1 RPG
#54 Alex McKenzie (F)	FR	14.2 PPG, 6.6 RPG
#42 Kayla Dobson (C)	FR	5.7 PPG, 6.9 RPG

2011-12 Bluffton University Basketball Statistics (2-5, 0-3 HCAC)

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
40	Hutton, Lauren	6-5	125	20.8	32-68	.471	2-4	.500	13-17	.765	9	16	25	4.2	10	0	8	7	4	2	79	13.2
11	Cooper, Belicia	1-0	13	13.0	3-5	.600	2-3	.667	4-5	.800	0	2	2	2.0	2	0	1	1	0	2	12	12.0
23	Lewis, Brittany	7-7	192	27.4	20-58	.345	10-30	.333	4-12	.333	10	21	31	4.4	9	0	27	23	1	5	54	7.7
33	Stegmaier, Brittany	7-7	152	21.7	16-39	.410	5-18	.278	8-15	.533	5	11	16	2.3	13	0	18	11	6	7	45	6.4
20	Coburn, Mikayla	7-0	115	16.4	13-34	.382	5-10	.500	8-9	.889	12	20	32	4.6	4	0	8	6	2	1	39	5.6
34	Martin, Sharonda	6-0	60	10.0	15-41	.366	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	10	12	22	3.7	16	0	2	3	4	2	33	5.5
15	Daman, Rachel	7-7	142	20.3	10-31	.323	4-13	.308	13-18	.722	8	17	25	3.6	18	0	10	6	1	7	37	5.3
03	Amis, Alicia	7-7	176	25.1	11-37	.297	4-17	.235	10-17	.588	4	33	37	5.3	16	0	17	14	2	11	36	5.1
42	Burkholder, Kylee	7-2	113	16.1	12-36	.333	0-0	.000	11-19	.579	13	17	30	4.3	11	0	5	11	1	5	35	5.0
45	Inskeep, Sarah	2-0	23	11.5	4-9	.444	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	4	3	7	3.5	2	0	0	1	0	0	8	4.0
14	Yoder, Beth	7-0	87	12.4	7-23	.304	6-17	.353	5-8	.625	3	9	12	1.7	10	0	7	6	0	1	25	3.6
05	Kurilec, Brenna	4-0	57	14.3	6-16	.375	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	4	10	14	3.5	8	0	6	4	1	3	14	3.5
24	DeBord, Rachel	7-0	81	11.6	7-22	.318	0-6	.000	3-4	.750	5	12	17	2.4	8	0	4	4	0	1	17	2.4
32	Miller, Elizabeth	5-0	34	6.8	1-7	.143	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	0.6	3	0	4	1	0	0	2	0.4
13	Tate, Francena	6-0	30	5.0	1-5	.200	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.5	6	0	3	3	0	3	2	0.3
Team											8	15	23				2					
Total.....		7	1400		158-431	.367	39-125	.312	83-135	.615	97	202	299	42.7	136	0	120	103	22	50	438	62.6
Opponents.....		7	1400		144-412	.350	41-137	.299	93-154	.604	100	200	300	42.9	115	-	88	119	39	51	422	60.3

Bluffton vs. Transylvania all-time series

Bluffton-Transylvania team stats

	Bluffton	Transy
Points/game	62.6	55.3
Points allowed/game	60.3	59.0
Total FG	158-431	146-401
FG %	36.7 %	36.4 %
3-point FG	39-125	11-45
3-pt %	31.2 %	24.4 %
Free throws	83-135	84-148
FT %	61.5 %	56.8 %
Rebounds per game	42.7	37.1
Rebound +/-	-0.1	-3.6
Turnovers per game	14.7	19.9
Turnovers +/-	+2.3	+1.6
Steals per game	7.1	10.4
Blocks per game	3.1	3.3

Saturday's matchup marks the 21st meeting between these two Heartland Conference foes. Transy holds a marked 18-2 edge in the all-time series, including victories in the first 13 games. Bluffton picked up its second win over the Pioneers in Founders Hall last season, snapping a string of four straight Transy victories.

Date	Winner	Score	Location
1-22-11	Transy	85-43	Away
12-4-10	Bluffton	72-63	Founders
1-23-10	Transy	86-60	Founders
12-5-09	Transy	66-52	Away
2-14-09	Transy	73-54	Away

Next up for the Beavers and Pioneers

After Saturday's clash, Bluffton hosts Thomas More on Tuesday, Dec. 20 in a non-conference matchup (6 PM), while Transy welcomes St. Mary of the Woods for the Pat Deacon Classic on Dec. 19 at 6 PM.

2011-12 Transylvania Basketball Statistics (2-5, 1-2 HCAC)

##	Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		FT-FTA	Pct	----REBOUNDS----				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg	
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct			Off	Def	Tot	Avg									
54	McKenzie, Alex....	5-5	136	27.2	28-58	.483	2-7	.286	13-24	.542	13	20	33	6.6	17	1	5	17	3	7	71	14.2
20	Gillespie, Jariana.	7-7	208	29.7	22-72	.306	6-15	.400	16-25	.640	5	14	19	2.7	16	0	24	26	0	12	66	9.4
35	Lucas, Terra.....	7-7	140	20.0	15-46	.326	2-6	.333	18-31	.581	10	12	22	3.1	8	0	8	13	0	8	50	7.1
23	Coffman, Nicole....	4-0	92	23.0	10-22	.455	1-6	.167	4-7	.571	1	5	6	1.5	2	0	1	4	0	3	25	6.3
02	Demus, Kennae.....	7-7	181	25.9	20-61	.328	0-3	.000	2-2	1.000	8	14	22	3.1	15	0	4	15	7	14	42	6.0
42	Dobson, Kayla.....	7-6	174	24.9	17-36	.472	0-0	.000	6-11	.545	21	27	48	6.9	14	0	4	9	1	5	40	5.7
32	Pharris, Chelsea...	7-0	93	13.3	9-27	.333	0-3	.000	2-4	.500	3	10	13	1.9	3	0	6	9	3	7	20	2.9
41	Thomas, Elizabeth..	7-0	57	8.1	7-18	.389	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	5	6	11	1.6	6	0	2	3	1	2	16	2.3
11	Whitlock, Valerie..	7-1	80	11.4	4-14	.286	0-0	.000	7-14	.500	2	5	7	1.0	6	1	6	15	1	3	15	2.1
03	Keise, Victoria....	7-1	69	9.9	3-13	.231	0-0	.000	8-15	.533	1	7	8	1.1	11	1	3	10	1	5	14	2.0
44	Colliver, Brooke...	7-1	71	10.1	5-17	.294	0-0	.000	3-7	.429	10	15	25	3.6	8	0	0	6	5	2	13	1.9
33	Whitlock, Lyndsay..	7-0	55	7.9	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	4	6	10	1.4	7	0	2	4	0	3	11	1.6
24	Ullrich, Emily.....	6-0	9	1.5	2-5	.400	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.3	0	0	1	4	0	0	4	0.7
05	Fant, Charli.....	3-0	35	11.7	0-5	.000	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	3	2	5	1.7	5	0	2	4	1	2	0	0.0
TEAM.....											11	18	29	4.1	0		0					
Total.....		7	1400		146-401	.364	11-45	.244	84-148	.568	97	163	260	37.1	118	3	68	139	23	73	387	55.3
Opponents.....		7	1400		147-392	.375	37-114	.325	82-116	.707	93	192	285	40.7	119	-	79	150	21	67	413	59.0