



Bluffton University Men's Basketball

Defiance College
"Yellow Jackets"
(6-5, 2-2 HCAC)

Weaner Center
Jan. 2, 2013
8 PM

Bluffton University
"Beavers"
(4-7, 0-4 HCAC)



THE PREVIEW

WHEN: Wednesday, January 2, 2013, at 8 PM

WHERE: Defiance, Ohio (Weaner Center)

INTERNET: Watch live updates on the Defiance College website

<http://defianceathletics.com/media/2012-13/LiveStats/MensBasketball/xlive.htm>

BLUFFTON, Ohio - The Bluffton University men's basketball team is ready to build on a solid 2011-12 campaign that saw the Beavers earn a second straight berth in the Heartland Conference tournament, finishing 16-10 overall and 10-8 in the Heartland Conference. Bluffton won six of its last nine regular season games with the three losses by a combined six points, including a pair of buzzer-beaters by Manchester and Defiance. Following a pair of close losses at Case Reserve on the first weekend, Bluffton opened the Sommer Center in style with an 89-41 victory over OSU-Lima. Bluffton kicked off Heartland Conference play with a disappointing 56-54 loss to Mount St. Joseph in the Sommer Center on November 28. The Beavers handled Wright State-Lake in the McDonald's Tournament opener, but #21 Ohio Wesleyan lived up to its billing with a 75-51 win over Bluffton in the final. Defiance is coming off a heartbreaking 70-69 OT loss to Adrian on Sunday.

The Coaches

Guy Neal is in the midst of his 24th year at the helm since taking over the reigns before the 1989-90 season. He is the winningest men's basketball coach in Bluffton history with a career record of 269-334. Neal has guided the Beavers to seven winning seasons in the past eight years, the first time in school history this feat has been accomplished. Coach Neal has also won conference Coach of the Year three times, including bringing home the award in 2006-07.

The head coach of Defiance is fifth-year mentor Kyle Brumett. Before coming to Defiance, the Hanover College graduate spent two years as the head coach at Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Brumett has led the Jackets to a 67-40 mark during his tenure at DC.

Last conference contest

The Beavers fell 72-61 to Transylvania on Saturday, Dec. 15, after a 79 percent second half FG percentage propelled the visitors to a 72-61 victory. The Beavers finished the night 22-of-44 from the field for a solid 50 percent, however, Transy's blistering 19-of-24 in the second half was the difference as the Pioneers were 27-of-48 (56.3 percent) for the game.

Defiance overcame a slow start on Dec. 15 inside the Weaner Center, using a 19-0 spurt to erase a 14-point deficit against Franklin en route to a 64-60 victory.

2012-13 HCAC Men's Basketball Standings

Team	HCAC	GB	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
RHIT	4-0	-	1.000	10-1	.909
MSJ	4-0	-	1.000	5-6	.455
Transylvania	3-1	1	.750	8-3	.727
Franklin	2-2	2	.500	7-4	.636
Anderson	2-2	2	.500	6-5	.545
Defiance	2-2	2	.500	6-5	.545
Hanover	2-2	2	.500	5-6	.455
Manchester	1-3	3	.250	4-7	.364
Bluffton	0-4	4	.000	4-7	.364
Earlham	0-4	4	.000	1-10	.091

Leading the Beavers

Junior forward Dustin Kinn leads the Beavers with 11.8 PPG, including 15.7 PPG over his last three contests, and he is pulling down 4.1 RPG while shooting a phenomenal 62.5 percent from the field (50-80). Also in double figures is fellow junior banger Will Pope who is checking in with 10.2 PPG on 48-of-106 shooting with a team-best 5.6 RPG. Josh Johnson and Josh Fisher are averaging 7.9 and 7.5 PPG, respectively. In his first year as a starter for the Beavers, senior Tyler Neal is putting up 5.5 PPG and 3.2 RPG. Adding to Bluffton's dominance on the block is freshman Thayne Recker who is scoring 7.1 PPG and clearing the glass with 4.9 RPG. Recker is 30-of-50 from the field (60 percent).

Projected Starters

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#05 Tyler Neal (PG)	SR	5.5 PPG, 3.2 RPG
#03 Josh Fisher (G)	SR	7.5 PPG, 2.4 APG
#24 Josh Johnson (G)	JR	7.9 PPG, 3.9 RPG
#33 Dustin Kinn (F)	JR	11.8 PPG, 4.1 RPG
#44 Will Pope (C)	JR	10.2 PPG, 5.6 RPG

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#04 Mason Roth (G)	SO	7.5 PPG, 2.0 APG
#10 Travis Schoemaker (G)	SO	6.5 PPG, 17-47 3 FG
#33 Logan Wolfrum (G)	SR	19.5 PPG, 3.6 APG
#25 Ryan Hicks (F)	JR	13.5 PPG, 7.1 RPG
#42 Wade Wooley (C)	FR	3.0 PPG, 5.8 RPG

2012-13 Bluffton University Basketball Statistics (4-7, 0-4 HCAC)

##	Player	gp-gs	Total				3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds						pts	avg								
			min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq			a	to	blk	stl				
33	Kinn, Dustin	11-11	269	24.5	50-80	.625	0-2	.000	30-37	.811	20	25	45	4.1	23	1	15	11	1	9	130	11.8				
44	Pope, Will	11-10	271	24.6	48-106	.453	0-0	.000	16-25	.640	27	35	62	5.6	18	0	13	29	1	5	112	10.2				
11	Mahnke, Jacob	1-0	7	7.0	3-3	1.000	3-3	1.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	1	0	1	0	0	1	9	9.0				
24	Johnson, Josh	10-10	249	24.9	29-87	.333	13-43	.302	8-16	.500	8	31	39	3.9	20	0	18	18	0	5	79	7.9				
03	Fisher, Josh	11-11	305	27.7	30-105	.286	8-42	.190	14-18	.778	4	33	37	3.4	17	0	26	24	1	12	82	7.5				
50	Recker, Thayne	11-1	205	18.6	30-50	.600	0-0	.000	18-26	.692	27	27	54	4.9	19	0	8	13	6	7	78	7.1				
05	Neal, Tyler	11-11	221	20.1	21-52	.404	9-28	.321	9-16	.563	3	32	35	3.2	24	0	21	20	0	9	60	5.5				
20	Chambers, Nate	8-0	105	13.1	13-30	.433	3-10	.300	3-3	1.000	4	18	22	2.8	9	0	7	6	3	1	32	4.0				
10	Taflinger, Billy	7-0	73	10.4	6-23	.261	1-4	.250	7-8	.875	2	4	6	0.9	9	0	11	4	0	2	20	2.9				
30	Long, Dillon	10-0	63	6.3	11-21	.524	0-0	.000	3-5	.600	9	13	22	2.2	12	0	1	6	1	1	25	2.5				
22	Rumbaugh, Zach	2-0	12	6.0	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	3	4	2.0	2	0	3	3	0	3	5	2.5				
34	Gerdeman, Matt	6-0	32	5.3	5-8	.625	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	4	6	10	1.7	2	0	0	1	0	1	12	2.0				
04	Homier, Brock	10-0	83	8.3	5-11	.455	4-9	.444	0-0	.000	4	5	9	0.9	6	0	9	4	1	7	14	1.4				
23	Ebbeskotte, Ryan	11-1	187	17.0	5-17	.294	2-7	.286	3-5	.600	4	9	13	1.2	13	0	21	11	2	6	15	1.4				
11	Bihn, Nate	4-0	21	5.3	2-5	.400	0-1	.000	1-1	1.000	2	4	6	1.5	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	1.3				
40	Fowler, Jon	8-0	40	5.0	4-10	.400	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	3	3	6	0.8	3	0	1	4	2	1	10	1.3				
12	Weisenborn, Matt	6-0	37	6.2	0-5	.000	0-3	.000	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	0.3	4	0	2	4	0	4	2	0.3				
22	Tackett, Blade	4-0	19	4.8	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2	2	4	1.0	5	0	2	2	0	3	0	0.0				
11	Green, Blake	1-0	1	1.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0				
Team											16	13	29											2		
Total.....		11	2200	264-620		.426	44-155	.284	118-168	.702	140	267	407	37.0	189	1	159	162	18	77	690	62.7				
Opponents.....		11	2200	240-554		.433	67-210	.319	122-182	.670	81	240	321	29.2	189	-	134	157	50	87	669	60.8				

Bluffton-Defiance team stats

	<u>Bluffton</u>	<u>Defiance</u>
Points/game	62.7	70.0
Points allowed/game	60.8	65.8
Total FG	264-620	275-599
FG %	42.6 %	45.9 %
3-point FG	44-155	68-204
3-pt %	28.4 %	33.3 %
Free throws	118-168	152-209
FT %	70.2 %	72.7 %
Rebounds per game	37.0	35.4
Rebound +/-	+7.8	+1.9
Turnovers per game	14.7	13.0
Turnovers +/-	-0.5	-0.7
Steals per game	7.0	5.9
Blocks per game	1.6	3.5

Bluffton vs. Defiance all-time series

The two schools and this long-time rivalry are separated by a mere 48 miles. The series dates all the way back to the 1916-17 season with Defiance up 125-64. Five times the teams have played three games in one season, including a battle in the first round of the 1984-85 NAIA tourney. Bluffton and Defiance have split the season series the past four years.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Location</u>
2-15-2012	Defiance	55-53	Defiance, Ohio
1-4-2012	Bluffton	73-67	Founders Hall
2-16-2011	Defiance	66-62 (OT)	Founders Hall
1-19-2011	Bluffton	57-55	Defiance, Ohio
2-17-2010	Defiance	70-60	Defiance, Ohio
1-20-2010	Bluffton	91-83	Founders Hall

Next up for the Beavers and Jackets

The Beavers head to Hanover College for a Saturday battle with the Panthers on Jan. 5 at 4 p.m. Defiance travels to Transylvania for a 1 p.m. contest with the Pioneers on Saturday, Jan. 5.

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##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg				
33	Wolfrum, Logan	11-11	360	32.7	69-151	.457	17-50	.340	60-77	.779	10	54	64	5.8	17	0	40	33	9	11	215	19.5				
25	Hicks, Ryan	11-11	372	33.8	59-102	.578	0-1	.000	30-38	.789	15	63	78	7.1	27	0	21	18	15	13	148	13.5				
20	Frizell, Drew	9-0	233	25.9	37-82	.451	25-65	.385	12-12	1.000	2	15	17	1.9	12	0	9	10	2	9	111	12.3				
03	Edwards, Bernard	5-5	128	25.6	17-38	.447	3-10	.300	8-9	.889	4	20	24	4.8	6	0	5	12	2	3	45	9.0				
04	Roth, Mason	11-11	269	24.5	31-70	.443	5-23	.217	16-24	.667	5	18	23	2.1	29	1	22	20	1	9	83	7.5				
10	Schomaeker, Travis	11-6	265	24.1	25-69	.362	17-47	.362	4-4	1.000	2	30	32	2.9	20	1	20	15	1	7	71	6.5				
42	Woolley, Wade	11-11	201	18.3	15-30	.500	0-0	.000	3-9	.333	25	39	64	5.8	18	0	12	4	5	33	3.0					
44	Tietje, Kent	9-0	107	11.9	7-10	.700	0-1	.000	4-5	.800	6	11	17	1.9	18	1	1	3	3	2	18	2.0				
22	Fair, Jordan	10-0	111	11.1	4-11	.364	0-0	.000	11-18	.611	9	9	18	1.8	18	1	6	4	1	3	19	1.9				
40	Smith, Hosie	9-0	87	9.7	7-16	.438	0-0	.000	2-9	.222	9	13	22	2.4	14	0	1	7	1	2	16	1.8				
54	Carius, Kris	5-0	12	2.4	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.2	1	0	1	1	0	0	4	0.8				
35	Dunlap, Marcus	4-0	8	2.0	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	1	2	0.5	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0.8				
24	Robertson, Eli	7-0	27	3.9	1-3	.333	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.4	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	0.4				
15	Bonds, D.J.	4-0	24	6.0	0-5	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	2	1	3	0.8	2	0	4	3	0	0	1	0.3				
12	Browning, Jeremy	6-0	13	2.2	0-6	.000	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0				
21	Walker, Clay	1-0	2	2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0				
13	Prible, Tanner	3-0	6	2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0				
Team											8	11	19											2		
Total.....		11	2225	275-599		.459	68-204	.333	152-209	.727	98	291	389	35.4	187	4	131	143	39	65	770	70.0				
Opponents.....		11	2225	256-630		.406	63-215	.293	149-211	.706	115	253	368	33.5	199	-	125	135	20	80	724	65.8				