

# Bluffton University Men's Basketball



Hanover College  
"Panthers"  
(6-6, 3-2 HCAC)

Collier Arena  
Jan. 5, 2013  
4 PM

Bluffton University  
"Beavers"  
(4-8, 0-5 HCAC)



## THE PREVIEW

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 5, 2013, at 4 PM

**WHERE:** Hanover, Indiana (Collier Arena)

**INTERNET:** Watch live updates on the Hanover College Website

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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. 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. A stinging 62-46 loss at Defiance on Wednesday night has the Beavers hungry for a win when they travel to Hanover College on Saturday. The Panthers are coming off a huge 81-58 shellacking of MSJ on Wednesday.

### 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 269-335. 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.

Directing Hanover is fifth-year coach Jon Miller. He returned to his alma-mater after being the head coach at Bluffton's bitter rival, Defiance, for five seasons where he led the Jackets to a regular-season HCAC title. Miller's 2010-11 team earned the program's first bid to the NCAA tournament since the 2004-05 campaign.

### Last conference contest

The Bluffton men fell at Defiance College on Wednesday night. Bluffton went 18-of-57 (31.6 percent) from the field, while Defiance finished 23-of-50 (46.0 percent). A commanding 45-28 Bluffton advantage on the boards was offset by eight more turnovers (13-5) and a miserable 6-of-17 (35.3 percent) shooting night at the stripe.

Four Panthers reached double figures as the Hanover College men's basketball team collected an 81-58 victory over MSJ.

### 2012-13 HCAC Men's Basketball Standings

| Team         | HCAC | GB | Pct.  | Overall | Pct. |
|--------------|------|----|-------|---------|------|
| RHIT         | 5-0  | -  | 1.000 | 11-1    | .917 |
| Transylvania | 4-1  | 1  | .800  | 9-3     | .750 |
| MSJ          | 4-1  | 1  | .800  | 5-7     | .417 |
| Anderson     | 3-2  | 2  | .600  | 7-5     | .583 |
| Defiance     | 3-2  | 2  | .600  | 7-5     | .583 |
| Hanover      | 3-2  | 2  | .600  | 6-6     | .500 |
| Franklin     | 2-3  | 3  | .400  | 7-5     | .583 |
| Manchester   | 1-4  | 4  | .200  | 4-8     | .333 |
| Bluffton     | 0-5  | 5  | .000  | 4-8     | .333 |
| Earlham      | 0-5  | 5  | .000  | 1-11    | .083 |

### Leading the Beavers

Junior forward Dustin Kinn leads the Beavers with 11.8 PPG, including his first double-double at Defiance, and he is pulling down 4.7 RPG while shooting a phenomenal 58.5 percent from the field (55-94). Also near double figures is fellow junior banger Will Pope who is checking in with 9.9 PPG on 51-of-111 shooting with a team-best 5.6 RPG. Josh Johnson and Josh Fisher are averaging 8.0 and 7.0 PPG, respectively. In his first year as a starter for the Beavers, senior Tyler Neal is putting up 5.4 PPG and 3.2 RPG. Adding to Bluffton's dominance on the block is freshman Thayne Recker who is scoring 6.9 PPG and clearing the glass with 5.0 RPG. Recker is 32-of-55 from the field (58.2 percent).

### Projected Starters

#### BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY "BEAVERS"

|                      |    |                     |
|----------------------|----|---------------------|
| #05 Tyler Neal (PG)  | SR | 5.4 PPG, 3.2 RPG    |
| #03 Josh Fisher (G)  | SR | 7.0 PPG, 3.4 RPG    |
| #24 Josh Johnson (G) | JR | 8.0 PPG, 16-50 3 FG |
| #33 Dustin Kinn (F)  | JR | 11.8 PPG, 55-94 FG  |
| #44 Will Pope (C)    | JR | 9.9 PPG, 5.6 RPG    |

#### HANOVER COLLEGE "PANTHERS"

|                         |    |                      |
|-------------------------|----|----------------------|
| #10 Tim Bass (G)        | SO | 11.3 PPG, 4.4 APG    |
| #12 Drake Hendricks (G) | SR | 5.8 PPG, 2.6 RPG     |
| #14 Ryan Nowicki (G)    | SR | 14.5 PPG, 24-51 3 FG |
| #45 Brian Gunter (F)    | SR | 7.9 PPG, 5.7 RPG     |
| #54 Desmond Marks (C)   | SO | 6.2 PPG, 4.4 RPG     |

## 2012-13 Bluffton University Basketball Statistics (4-8, 0-5 HCAC)

| ##             | Player           | gp-gs | min  | avg  | fg-fga  | fg%   | 3fg-fga | 3fg%  | ft-fta  | ft%   | off | def | tot | avg  | pf  | dq | a   | to  | blk | stl | pts | avg  |
|----------------|------------------|-------|------|------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 33             | Kinn, Dustin     | 12-12 | 302  | 25.2 | 55-94   | .585  | 0-2     | .000  | 31-39   | .795  | 21  | 35  | 56  | 4.7  | 25  | 1  | 18  | 13  | 1   | 9   | 141 | 11.8 |
| 44             | Pope, Will       | 12-11 | 292  | 24.3 | 51-111  | .459  | 0-0     | .000  | 17-29   | .586  | 30  | 37  | 67  | 5.6  | 21  | 0  | 15  | 29  | 2   | 5   | 119 | 9.9  |
| 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    | 11-11 | 275  | 25.0 | 32-99   | .323  | 16-50   | .320  | 8-16    | .500  | 8   | 33  | 41  | 3.7  | 21  | 0  | 18  | 21  | 0   | 5   | 88  | 8.0  |
| 03             | Fisher, Josh     | 12-12 | 335  | 27.9 | 30-110  | .273  | 8-44    | .182  | 16-24   | .667  | 4   | 37  | 41  | 3.4  | 20  | 0  | 26  | 26  | 1   | 13  | 84  | 7.0  |
| 50             | Recker, Thayne   | 12-1  | 224  | 18.7 | 32-55   | .582  | 0-0     | .000  | 19-28   | .679  | 29  | 31  | 60  | 5.0  | 20  | 0  | 8   | 13  | 8   | 7   | 83  | 6.9  |
| 05             | Neal, Tyler      | 12-12 | 240  | 20.0 | 23-58   | .397  | 10-31   | .323  | 9-16    | .563  | 4   | 34  | 38  | 3.2  | 26  | 0  | 22  | 22  | 0   | 9   | 65  | 5.4  |
| 20             | Chambers, Nate   | 9-0   | 116  | 12.9 | 14-34   | .412  | 3-11    | .273  | 3-3     | 1.000 | 5   | 18  | 23  | 2.6  | 9   | 0  | 7   | 6   | 3   | 2   | 34  | 3.8  |
| 10             | Taflinger, Billy | 8-0   | 80   | 10.0 | 7-24    | .292  | 1-4     | .250  | 7-8     | .875  | 2   | 5   | 7   | 0.9  | 10  | 0  | 11  | 5   | 0   | 2   | 22  | 2.8  |
| 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  |
| 30             | Long, Dillon     | 11-0  | 70   | 6.4  | 11-21   | .524  | 0-0     | .000  | 3-5     | .600  | 9   | 15  | 24  | 2.2  | 12  | 0  | 1   | 7   | 1   | 1   | 25  | 2.3  |
| 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  |
| 23             | Ebbeskotte, Ryan | 12-1  | 202  | 16.8 | 6-21    | .286  | 2-7     | .286  | 3-5     | .600  | 7   | 10  | 17  | 1.4  | 14  | 0  | 21  | 12  | 2   | 6   | 17  | 1.4  |
| 04             | Homier, Brock    | 11-0  | 94   | 8.5  | 5-12    | .417  | 4-9     | .444  | 1-3     | .333  | 4   | 5   | 9   | 0.8  | 6   | 0  | 9   | 4   | 1   | 7   | 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 | 7-0   | 38   | 5.4  | 0-5     | .000  | 0-3     | .000  | 2-2     | 1.000 | 0   | 2   | 2   | 0.3  | 4   | 0  | 2   | 5   | 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           |                  |       |      |      |         |       |         |       |         |       | 22  | 13  | 35  |      |     |    | 2   |     |     |     |     |      |
| Total.....     |                  | 12    | 2400 |      | 282-677 | .417  | 48-168  | .286  | 124-185 | .670  | 157 | 295 | 452 | 37.7 | 203 | 1  | 165 | 175 | 21  | 79  | 736 | 61.3 |
| Opponents..... |                  | 12    | 2400 |      | 263-604 | .435  | 73-227  | .322  | 132-194 | .680  | 83  | 266 | 349 | 29.1 | 204 | -  | 142 | 162 | 57  | 94  | 731 | 60.9 |

### Bluffton-Hanover team stats

|                     | Bluffton | Hanover |
|---------------------|----------|---------|
| Points/game         | 61.3     | 73.8    |
| Points allowed/game | 60.9     | 68.6    |
| Total FG            | 282-677  | 328-754 |
| FG %                | 41.7 %   | 43.5 %  |
| 3-point FG          | 48-168   | 104-324 |
| 3-pt %              | 28.6 %   | 32.1 %  |
| Free throws         | 124-185  | 125-181 |
| FT %                | 67.0 %   | 69.1 %  |
| Rebounds per game   | 37.7     | 32.7    |
| Rebound +/-         | +8.6     | -1.7    |
| Turnovers per game  | 14.6     | 8.5     |
| Turnovers +/-       | -1.1     | +6.3    |
| Steals per game     | 6.6      | 8.6     |
| Blocks per game     | 1.8      | 2.3     |

### Bluffton vs. Hanover all-time series

Hanover leads the all-time series with a commanding 54-19 mark. This will be the 74th meeting between the schools. This long-standing series started on Dec. 28, 1971, with a narrow Hanover victory. The Panthers put together six straight victories before Bluffton knocked off Hanover on the road late last season.

| Date    | Winner   | Score | Location      |
|---------|----------|-------|---------------|
| 2-11-12 | Bluffton | 51-48 | Hanover, IN   |
| 1-7-11  | Hanover  | 75-61 | Founders Hall |
| 2-5-11  | Hanover  | 83-76 | Founders Hall |
| 1-5-11  | Hanover  | 66-55 | Hanover, IN   |
| 2-6-10  | Hanover  | 72-67 | Hanover, IN   |
| 1-6-10  | Hanover  | 63-57 | Founders Hall |

### Next up for the Beavers and Panthers

The Beavers travel to Earlham College for a 7:30 PM contest on Wednesday, Jan. 9. Hanover welcomes Transylvania at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 9.

## 2012-13 Hanover College Basketball Statistics (6-6, 3-2 HCAC)

| ##             | Player              | GP-GS | Min--Avg | ---TOTAL--- |         |         | ---3-PTS--- |        |         | ----REBOUNDS---- |     |     |     |      |     |   |     |     |     |     |     |      |
|----------------|---------------------|-------|----------|-------------|---------|---------|-------------|--------|---------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
|                |                     |       |          | FG-FGA      | Pct     | 3FG-FGA | Pct         | FT-FTA | Pct     | Off              | Def | Tot | Avg | PF   | FO  | A | TO  | Blk | Stl | Pts | Avg |      |
| 14             | Nowicki, Ryan.....  | 12-12 | 371      | 30.9        | 62-119  | .521    | 24-51       | .471   | 26-31   | .839             | 14  | 23  | 37  | 3.1  | 22  | 0 | 13  | 10  | 1   | 17  | 174 | 14.5 |
| 10             | Bass, Tim.....      | 12-12 | 340      | 28.3        | 52-112  | .464    | 8-36        | .222   | 24-35   | .686             | 5   | 18  | 23  | 1.9  | 16  | 0 | 53  | 26  | 1   | 18  | 136 | 11.3 |
| 45             | Gunter, Brian.....  | 12-11 | 295      | 24.6        | 39-77   | .506    | 6-19        | .316   | 11-12   | .917             | 20  | 48  | 68  | 5.7  | 18  | 0 | 16  | 8   | 2   | 13  | 95  | 7.9  |
| 42             | Van Kleunen, Michae | 12-1  | 198      | 16.5        | 32-63   | .508    | 5-16        | .313   | 12-21   | .571             | 13  | 20  | 33  | 2.8  | 25  | 1 | 9   | 6   | 4   | 5   | 81  | 6.8  |
| 54             | Marks, Desmond....  | 12-11 | 228      | 19.0        | 27-59   | .458    | 1-5         | .200   | 19-26   | .731             | 26  | 27  | 53  | 4.4  | 24  | 0 | 5   | 14  | 7   | 8   | 74  | 6.2  |
| 33             | Steinhart, Jacob... | 12-1  | 164      | 13.7        | 27-74   | .365    | 12-41       | .293   | 5-15    | .333             | 13  | 19  | 32  | 2.7  | 16  | 0 | 10  | 7   | 8   | 10  | 71  | 5.9  |
| 12             | Hendricks, Drake... | 12-9  | 208      | 17.3        | 25-77   | .325    | 14-50       | .280   | 6-6     | 1.000            | 9   | 22  | 31  | 2.6  | 20  | 0 | 8   | 7   | 4   | 10  | 70  | 5.8  |
| 22             | James, Kyle.....    | 12-2  | 227      | 18.9        | 25-65   | .385    | 14-45       | .311   | 2-4     | .500             | 6   | 16  | 22  | 1.8  | 11  | 0 | 24  | 5   | 0   | 11  | 66  | 5.5  |
| 32             | Wehner, Matt.....   | 12-1  | 179      | 14.9        | 20-59   | .339    | 15-41       | .366   | 7-11    | .636             | 5   | 16  | 21  | 1.8  | 13  | 0 | 10  | 6   | 0   | 6   | 62  | 5.2  |
| 40             | Bingham, Evan.....  | 9-0   | 70       | 7.8         | 11-21   | .524    | 3-7         | .429   | 2-3     | .667             | 1   | 15  | 16  | 1.8  | 8   | 0 | 3   | 1   | 0   | 2   | 27  | 3.0  |
| 15             | Black, Ethan.....   | 7-0   | 30       | 4.3         | 3-9     | .333    | 1-5         | .200   | 5-6     | .833             | 0   | 2   | 2   | 0.3  | 4   | 0 | 4   | 4   | 0   | 1   | 12  | 1.7  |
| 52             | Robinson, Quincy... | 6-0   | 23       | 3.8         | 3-5     | .600    | 0-0         | .000   | 2-5     | .400             | 3   | 4   | 7   | 1.2  | 2   | 0 | 1   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 8   | 1.3  |
| 11             | Kring, Michael..... | 7-0   | 67       | 9.6         | 2-14    | .143    | 1-8         | .125   | 4-6     | .667             | 0   | 4   | 4   | 0.6  | 9   | 0 | 4   | 4   | 0   | 2   | 9   | 1.3  |
| TEAM.....      |                     |       |          |             |         |         |             |        |         |                  | 28  | 15  | 43  | 3.6  | 1   |   | 3   |     |     |     |     |      |
| Total.....     |                     | 12    | 2400     |             | 328-754 | .435    | 104-324     | .321   | 125-181 | .691             | 143 | 249 | 392 | 32.7 | 189 | 1 | 160 | 102 | 27  | 103 | 885 | 73.8 |
| Opponents..... |                     | 12    | 2405     |             | 301-650 | .463    | 102-243     | .420   | 119-178 | .669             | 113 | 300 | 413 | 34.4 | 176 | 1 | 154 | 178 | 37  | 51  | 823 | 68.6 |