



# Bluffton University Men's Basketball

Earlham College  
"Quakers"  
(2-11, 1-5 HCAC)

Shuckman Court  
Jan. 9, 2013  
7:30 PM

Bluffton University  
"Beavers"  
(4-9, 0-6 HCAC)



## THE PREVIEW

**WHEN:** Wednesday, January 9, 2013, at 7:30 PM

**WHERE:** Richmond, Indiana (Shuckman Court)

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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 62-46 loss at Defiance on Wednesday followed by an 82-54 setback at Hanover on Saturday has the Beavers ready to get back in the win column at Earlham. The Quakers picked up their first HCAC victory against Manchester (73-67 OT) on Saturday.

## 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 269-336. Neal has guided the Beavers to seven winning seasons in the past eight years, the first time inschool 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.

After two years as an assistant coach at Ohio Wesleyan, Marcus Gill was named the new mentor for the Earlham men's basketball program in 2011-12. Gill starting coaching as an assistant at Albion after graduating there in 2004 where the Detroit native majored in physical education.

## Last HCAC contests

The Bluffton University men suffered an 82-54 loss at Hanover College on January 5. The Beavers were led by junior bigs Dustin Kinn and Will Pope as they each dropped in 12 markers. Pope hit 6-of-8 from the field, while Kinn was 6-for-9.

The Earlham College men beat Manchester 73-67 in overtime on Saturday for their first HCAC victory. The Quakers put five players in double figures led by Jett, who finished with 17 points and four assists. Blake Welch and Dustin Rusk added 15 points each.

## 2012-13 HCAC Men's Basketball Standings

Team	HCAC	GB	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
RHIT	6-0	-	1.000	12-1	.923
Transylvania	5-1	1	.833	10-3	.769
Hanover	4-2	2	.667	7-6	.538
MSJ	4-2	2	.667	5-8	.385
Franklin	3-3	3	.500	8-5	.615
Anderson	3-3	3	.500	7-6	.538
Defiance	3-3	3	.500	7-6	.538
Manchester	1-5	5	.167	4-9	.308
Earlham	1-5	5	.167	2-11	.154
Bluffton	0-6	6	.000	4-9	.308

## 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	5.2 PPG, 3.0 RPG
#03 Josh Fisher (G)	SR	6.6 PPG, 2.2 APG
#24 Josh Johnson (G)	JR	7.8 PPG, 18-52 3 FG
#33 Dustin Kinn (F)	JR	11.8 PPG, 5.0 RPG
#44 Will Pope (C)	JR	10.1 PPG, 5.5 RPG

### EARLHAM COLLEGE "QUAKERS"

#04 Vadiel Jett (G)	FR	11.3 PPG, 4.0 RPG
#05 Jack O'Flaherty (G)	FR	13.8 PPG, 40-91 3 FG
#00 Blake Welch (F)	FR	5.3 PPG, 2.5 RPG
#32 Kristian Barden (F)	FR	5.8 PPG, 8.3 RPG
#33 Dustin Rusk (F)	SR	12.1 PPG, 6.2 RPG

## 2012-13 Bluffton University Basketball Statistics (4-9, 0-6 HCAC)

##	Player	gp-gs	min	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg	
				avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot									avg
33	Kinn, Dustin	13-13	327	25.2	61-103	.592	0-2	.000	31-41	.756	22	43	65	5.0	27	1	20	16	1	11	153	11.8
44	Pope, Will	13-12	318	24.5	57-119	.479	0-0	.000	17-30	.567	33	39	72	5.5	21	0	17	31	2	5	131	10.1
24	Johnson, Josh	12-12	294	24.5	34-102	.333	18-52	.346	8-16	.500	9	34	43	3.6	23	0	20	25	0	5	94	7.8
50	Recker, Thayne	13-1	243	18.7	35-61	.574	0-0	.000	19-28	.679	30	37	67	5.2	22	0	11	15	9	7	89	6.8
03	Fisher, Josh	13-13	358	27.5	31-116	.267	8-45	.178	16-24	.667	4	37	41	3.2	20	0	28	27	1	13	86	6.6
05	Neal, Tyler	13-13	259	19.9	24-62	.387	10-31	.323	9-16	.563	5	34	39	3.0	27	0	22	24	0	9	67	5.2
11	Mahnke, Jacob	2-0	11	5.5	3-4	.750	3-3	1.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	1	0	1	0	0	1	9	4.5
20	Chambers, Nate	10-0	133	13.3	16-38	.421	4-13	.308	5-5	1.000	5	19	24	2.4	9	0	7	8	3	4	41	4.1
10	Taflinger, Billy	9-0	93	10.3	8-28	.286	1-5	.200	9-10	.900	2	6	8	0.9	10	0	11	6	0	2	26	2.9
30	Long, Dillon	12-0	74	6.2	11-23	.478	0-0	.000	3-5	.600	11	15	26	2.2	12	0	1	8	1	1	25	2.1
34	Gerdeman, Matt	7-0	34	4.9	5-8	.625	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	4	6	10	1.4	2	0	0	1	0	1	12	1.7
22	Rumbaugh, Zach	3-0	14	4.7	2-5	.400	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	4	5	1.7	3	0	3	3	0	3	5	1.7
23	Ebbeskotte, Ryan	13-1	218	16.8	6-23	.261	2-7	.286	3-5	.600	8	10	18	1.4	15	0	23	12	2	6	17	1.3
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
04	Homier, Brock	12-0	97	8.1	5-12	.417	4-9	.444	1-3	.333	4	6	10	0.8	7	0	9	5	1	7	15	1.3
40	Fowler, Jon	9-0	44	4.9	4-11	.364	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	4	3	7	0.8	4	0	1	4	2	1	10	1.1
12	Weisenborn, Matt	8-0	42	5.3	1-7	.143	1-4	.250	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	0.3	4	0	2	6	0	4	5	0.6
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											23	13	36				3					
Total.....		13	2600		305-730	.418	52-175	.297	128-192	.667	169	316	485	37.3	214	1	178	196	22	83	790	60.8
Opponents.....		13	2598		294-667	.441	83-252	.329	142-206	.689	94	286	380	29.2	218	-	161	171	62	101	813	62.5

### Bluffton vs. Earlham all-time series

#### Bluffton-Earlham team stats

	<u>Bluffton</u>	<u>Earlham</u>
Points/game	60.8	64.0
Points allowed/game	62.5	77.6
Total FG	305-730	282-704
FG %	41.8 %	40.1 %
3-point FG	52-175	105-274
3-pt %	29.7 %	38.3 %
Free throw	128-192	163-249
FT %	66.7 %	65.5 %
Rebounds per game	37.3	35.5
Rebound +/-	+8.1	+0.8
Turnovers per game	15.1	17.3
Turnovers +/-	-1.9	-6.2
Steals per game	6.4	4.2
Blocks per game	1.7	2.8

The Beavers and Quakers have met on the hardcourt 46 times, with Bluffton maintaining a 27-19 edge thanks to 14 consecutive victories over the Quakers. Bluffton swept the 2011-12 season series by a sum total of five points, including hitting a buzzer beater on the road. Earlham last defeated the Beavers on December 18, 1987, by a score of 92-83.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Location</u>
1-25-2012	Bluffton	73-72	Away
1-11-2012	Bluffton	77-73	Founders Hall
2-19-2011	Bluffton	75-54	Away
1-15-2011	Bluffton	73-49	Founders Hall
11-21-2006	Bluffton	81-68	Away

Next up for the Beavers and Quakers

The Beavers welcome Anderson University for a 3 p.m. contest with the Ravens on Saturday, Jan. 12. Earlham heads to Hanover for a 1 p.m. matchup with the Panthers on Saturday.

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05	O'Flaherty, Jack	13-12	447	34.4	57-145	.393	40-91	.440	25-31	.806	3	30	33	2.5	29	0	14	32	0	4	179	13.8
33	Rusk, Dustin	13-13	452	34.8	46-110	.418	23-52	.442	42-55	.764	21	60	81	6.2	32	1	12	23	3	5	157	12.1
04	Jett, Vadial	3-3	101	33.7	13-33	.394	8-20	.400	0-0	.000	4	8	12	4.0	8	0	7	9	1	3	34	11.3
23	Lewers, Tyler	12-6	261	21.8	53-118	.449	5-21	.238	23-31	.742	4	15	19	1.6	28	1	19	37	0	6	134	11.2
32	Barden, Kristian	13-13	354	27.2	28-70	.400	4-15	.267	16-38	.421	26	82	108	8.3	43	3	26	36	21	16	76	5.8
00	Welch, Blake	13-6	265	20.4	24-63	.381	15-43	.349	6-9	.667	8	25	33	2.5	28	2	8	12	2	6	69	5.3
40	Broderick, Marty	12-9	272	22.7	17-52	.327	1-1	1.000	23-42	.548	18	19	37	3.1	38	4	16	24	6	4	58	4.8
34	Adams, Joe	11-0	118	10.7	14-25	.560	0-0	.000	13-16	.813	11	11	22	2.0	6	0	5	5	1	3	41	3.7
22	Douglas, Kirk	7-0	64	9.1	7-19	.368	1-4	.250	9-13	.692	5	10	15	2.1	3	0	0	10	2	3	24	3.4
24	Sharif, Iman	10-3	119	11.9	10-22	.455	8-20	.400	0-1	.000	2	10	12	1.2	5	0	6	6	0	0	28	2.8
21	Boone, Phillip	8-0	56	7.0	6-17	.353	0-2	.000	3-5	.600	8	9	17	2.1	7	0	1	6	0	2	15	1.9
55	Beeler, Robert	4-0	9	2.3	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	0	2	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1.0
20	Williams, Malcolm	9-0	51	5.7	3-18	.167	0-3	.000	1-4	.250	3	2	5	0.6	2	0	7	5	0	1	7	0.8
12	Savage, Kevin	9-0	44	4.9	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	2	3	5	0.6	8	1	7	9	0	0	5	0.6
30	Parks, Benjamin	3-0	6	2.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0	1	1	0.3	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	0.3
52	Adeniyi, Desmond	1-0	7	7.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	3.0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.0
Team											27	30	57				6					
Total.....		13	2626		282-704	.401	105-274	.383	163-249	.655	144	318	462	35.5	239	12	128	225	36	55	832	64.0
Opponents.....		13	2625		349-754	.463	100-291	.344	211-290	.728	128	324	452	34.8	221	-	162	145	30	111	1009	77.6