



Bluffton University Men's Basketball

Manchester University
"Spartans"
(4-17, 1-13 HCAC)

Stauffer-Wolfe Arena
Feb. 6, 2013
7:30 PM

Bluffton University
"Beavers"
(9-12, 5-9 HCAC)



THE PREVIEW

WHEN: Wednesday, February 6, 2013, at 7:30 PM

WHERE: North Manchester, Indiana (Stauffer-Wolfe Arena)

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BLUFFTON, Ohio - The Bluffton University men's basketball team has some work to do following a gut-wrenching 79-77 loss to conference foe Anderson who moved into a tie with the Beavers for 7th in the HCAC at 5-9, one game behind MSJ which is currently in sixth place. Bluffton held a 10-point lead at the half and 11 with just 12 minutes to play, but could not hold off the torrid second half shooting (62.5 percent) of the Ravens and a buzzer beater by Player of the Year favorite Phil Hogan (25.6 ppg) who had misfired on 13 of his first 16 attempts. Bluffton now turns its focus to this Wednesday when the Beavers again cross the Indiana border to face the Spartans of Manchester. In their last meeting, Bluffton used an all-around team effort, with four players scoring double figures, en route to a 92-61 drubbing. The Beavers are still contending for the highly-coveted sixth spot in the HCAC and berth in the tourney, while the Spartans are playing for pride following 12 consecutive losses.

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 274-339. 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.

Brad Nadborne is in his ninth year on the sidelines for the Spartans. His career record at the school is 107-122. Coach Nadborne has a vast array of experience coaching (17 years), as well as playing his freshman year of basketball at Army under current Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski.

Last conference contest

Bluffton fell to Anderson in a heartbreaker on Saturday, 79-77. The Ravens took advantage from distance in the second half, draining 7-of-15 from beyond the arc. Standout senior Phil Hogan, making his first appearance in a month, hit a buzzer beater to send the Beavers packing.

Manchester's men's basketball team traveled to Franklin on Saturday and fell 68-48. Freshman Jared Schrock led the Spartans with 11 points while sophomore Jon Thompson chipped in with nine.

2012-13 HCAC Men's Basketball Standings

Team	HCAC	GB	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Rose Hulman	13-1	-	.929	19-2	.905
Transylvania	11-3	2	.786	16-5	.762
Hanover	11-3	2	.786	17-7	.667
Defiance	9-5	4	.643	13-8	.619
Franklin	8-6	5	.571	13-8	.619
Mt. St. Joseph	6-8	7	.429	7-14	.333
Anderson (Ind.)	5-9	8	.357	9-12	.429
Bluffton	5-9	8	.357	9-12	.429
Manchester	1-13	12	.071	4-17	.190
Earlham	1-13	12	.071	2-19	.095

Leading the Beavers

The Beavers head to Manchester with three of the top field goal shooters in the conference. Freshman Thayne Recker leads the HCAC at 65.7 percent, while junior Dustin Kinn is third at 59.1 percent. Junior Will Pope also gives opponents trouble with his 53.5 percent while scoring a team-best 11.8 PPG and 6.3 RPG. Kinn is close behind, tallying 11.2 PPG with 5.6 RPG. Recker completes the trio of powerful posts, scoring 8.1 PPG and pulling down 5.0 RPG. Senior guard Josh Fisher is always a threat to score and is doing so at a pace of 8.5 PPG for the season, including 15.3 PPG in his last four contests. Sophomore Ryan Ebbeskotte is directing the offense efficiently, handing out 49 assists while leading the team in assist-to-turnover ratio (2.0).

Projected Starters

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY "BEAVERS"

#05 Tyler Neal (PG)	SR	4.9 PPG, 2.7 RPG
#03 Josh Fisher (G)	SR	8.5 PPG, 3.2 RPG
#23 Ryan Ebbeskotte (G)	SO	2.9 PPG, 2.0 A/TO
#33 Dustin Kinn (F)	JR	11.2 PPG, 5.6 RPG
#44 Will Pope (C)	JR	11.8 PPG, 6.3 RPG

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#05 Tyler Aguirre (PG)	FR	1.5 PPG, 1.8 RPG
#15 Brady Dolezal (G)	FR	4.2 PPG, .387 FG%
#22 Greg Flores (G)	SO	10.5 PPG, 2.7 RPG
#31 Caleb Jackson (G)	SO	4.4 PPG, 2.09 APG
#45 Jon Thompson (F)	FR	9.7 PPG, 2.8 RPG

2012-13 Bluffton University Basketball Statistics (9-12, 5-9 HCAC)

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds										pts	avg			
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fga	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl					
44	Pope, Will	21-20	536	25.5	106-198	.535	0-0	.000	36-61	.590	59	73	132	6.3	42	0	29	46	3	10	248	11.8			
33	Kinn, Dustin	21-21	553	26.3	91-154	.591	0-2	.000	54-73	.740	40	77	117	5.6	50	1	36	23	3	21	236	11.2			
24	Johnson, Josh	16-16	393	24.6	52-142	.366	29-70	.414	17-27	.630	12	41	53	3.3	29	0	28	27	0	7	150	9.4			
03	Fisher, Josh	21-21	565	26.9	62-185	.335	15-66	.227	41-58	.707	7	61	68	3.2	35	0	53	52	2	27	180	8.6			
50	Recker, Thayne	21-1	386	18.4	69-105	.657	0-0	.000	32-46	.696	50	56	106	5.0	42	0	13	21	15	10	170	8.1			
05	Neal, Tyler	21-21	416	19.8	37-100	.370	14-50	.280	13-25	.520	7	49	56	2.7	40	0	37	35	2	15	101	4.8			
10	Taffinger, Billy	17-0	241	14.2	24-50	.480	8-14	.571	15-21	.714	4	26	30	1.8	25	0	22	14	0	6	71	4.2			
20	Chambers, Nate	18-0	222	12.3	25-66	.379	6-23	.261	6-10	.600	7	33	40	2.2	17	0	14	12	3	8	62	3.4			
23	Ebbeskotte, Ryan	21-5	414	19.7	21-53	.396	8-15	.533	10-15	.667	13	27	40	1.9	28	0	49	24	3	13	60	2.9			
11	Mahnke, Jacob	5-0	20	4.0	3-8	.375	3-6	.500	1-2	.500	0	2	2	0.4	2	0	1	1	0	1	10	2.0			
30	Long, Dillon	16-0	94	5.9	13-29	.448	0-0	.000	3-5	.600	13	18	31	1.9	16	0	1	8	1	1	29	1.8			
34	Gerdeman, Matt	11-0	56	5.1	8-12	.667	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	4	8	12	1.1	5	0	2	2	0	1	19	1.7			
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	17-0	119	7.0	7-15	.467	5-10	.500	1-3	.333	4	8	12	0.7	13	0	14	6	1	7	20	1.2			
12	Weisenborn, Matt	12-0	72	6.0	4-16	.250	3-7	.429	2-4	.500	0	3	3	0.3	5	0	4	7	0	4	13	1.1			
40	Fowler, Jon	13-0	64	4.9	5-18	.278	0-0	.000	4-7	.571	7	5	12	0.9	8	0	1	6	3	1	14	1.1			
22	Rumbaugh, Zach	7-0	26	3.7	2-7	.286	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	2	4	6	0.9	4	0	3	4	0	4	5	0.7			
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			
11	Turner, Jordan	2-0	7	3.5	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0			
Team											32	24	56											6	
Total.....		21	4225		531-1168	.455	92-269	.342	239-364	.657	265	523	788	37.5	369	1	310	296	36	139	1393	66.3			
Opponents.....		21	4223		474-1091	.434	126-408	.309	260-375	.693	160	429	589	28.0	369	-	248	262	86	155	1334	63.5			

Bluffton vs. Manchester all-time series

Bluffton-Manchester team stats

	<u>Bluffton</u>	<u>Manchester</u>
Points/game	66.3	60.5
Points allowed/game	63.5	74.7
Total FG	531-1168	459-1091
FG %	45.5 %	42.1 %
3-point FG	92-269	114-383
3-pt %	34.2 %	29.8 %
Free throws	239-364	239-365
FT %	65.7 %	65.5 %
Rebounds per game	37.5	31.6
Rebound +/-	+9.5	-2.8
Turnovers per game	14.1	13.8
Turnovers +/-	-1.6	-3.6
Steals per game	6.6	4.4
Blocks per game	1.7	1.0

This long-standing rivalry is nearly as old as Bluffton-Defiance. The first time the two teams played was in the 1920-21 campaign. That season the teams split, with Manchester winning 27-22 and Bluffton winning 23-16. This will be the 89th meeting between the institutions, with the Spartans holding a commanding 53-35 lead. Manchester swept a pair of one-point games in 2011-12 thanks to buzzer beaters in both contests.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Location</u>
1-16-2013	Bluffton	92-61	Sommer Center
2-18-2012	Manchester	63-62	Founders Hall
1-18-2012	Manchester	59-58	Away
2-9-2011	Manchester	81-67	Away
1-12-2011	Bluffton	83-72	Founders Hall

Next up for the Beavers and Spartans

Both teams will face HCAC opponents on Saturday, Feb. 9. Bluffton welcomes Hanover at 3 p.m., while Manchester hosts Transylvania at 3 p.m. in a rematch of the Spartans 59-57 road win on December 8.

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22	Greg Flores	21-18	548	26.1	77-194	.397	21-67	.313	45-55	.818	11	45	56	2.7	31	0	29	35	0	6	220	10.5			
45	Jon Thompson	21-1	420	20.0	68-156	.436	18-59	.305	50-65	.769	20	39	59	2.8	29	0	12	24	0	8	204	9.7			
03	Silas Sims	21-14	499	23.8	78-176	.443	23-75	.307	21-41	.512	29	69	98	4.7	36	1	22	26	5	9	200	9.5			
01	David House	21-17	467	22.2	74-129	.574	7-12	.583	35-53	.660	32	79	111	5.3	53	2	27	31	2	5	190	9.0			
30	Grant Newlin	21-16	543	25.9	47-131	.359	11-44	.250	34-60	.567	14	30	44	2.1	25	1	45	39	5	21	139	6.6			
31	Caleb Jackson	21-11	450	21.4	33-94	.351	15-55	.273	12-25	.480	9	39	48	2.3	26	0	44	35	2	5	93	4.4			
15	Brady Dolezal	20-8	352	17.6	29-75	.387	9-31	.290	16-23	.696	10	36	46	2.3	37	0	16	26	2	10	83	4.2			
24	Jared Schrock	21-13	448	21.3	29-60	.483	6-16	.375	21-31	.677	25	38	63	3.0	33	0	17	34	4	10	85	4.0			
05	Tyler Aguirre	21-7	345	16.4	14-46	.304	4-22	.182	0-1	.000	12	25	37	1.8	18	0	19	23	1	7	32	1.5			
44	Eric Osterman	2-0	15	7.5	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	1.5	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1.0			
33	Nate Feitshans	20-0	166	8.3	7-26	.269	0-2	.000	5-10	.500	8	6	14	0.7	6	0	14	13	0	10	19	1.0			
23	Tanner Odle	5-0	15	3.0	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	2	0	2	0.4	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	0.8			
14	Keith Berry	7-0	7	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0			
Team											35	47	82											4	
Total.....		21	4275		459-1091	.421	114-383	.298	239-365	.655	207	457	664	31.6	298	4	246	290	21	92	1271	60.5			
Opponents.....		21	4275		575-1225	.469	202-534	.378	216-295	.732	229	494	723	34.4	357	-	335	215	69	166	1568	74.7			