



# Bluffton University Men's Basketball

Transylvania University  
"Pioneers"  
(18-6, 13-4 HCAC)

Clive Beck Center  
Feb. 16, 2013  
4 PM

Bluffton University  
"Beavers"  
(11-13, 7-10 HCAC)



## THE PREVIEW

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 16, 2013, at 4 PM

**WHERE:** Lexington, Kentucky (Clive Beck Center)

**INTERNET:** Watch live updates on the Transylvania University Website  
<http://www.sidearmstats.com/transy/mbball/scoreboard.aspx>

LEXINGTON, Kentucky - The Bluffton University men's basketball team will look to capitalize on the momentum gained in their 75-55 thrashing of rival Defiance on Wednesday. The Beavers scored the first seven points of the game and never looked back as Defiance was unable to match the intensity of the home team. The victory by the Beavers, combined with a loss by Mount St. Joseph and an Anderson win leaves those three teams in a tie for the sixth and final spot in the HCAC tournament which kicks off on Tuesday night. A win over Transylvania paired with an Anderson victory over Mount St. Joseph would put the Beavers back in the HCAC tourney for the third straight season. If Bluffton takes down the Pioneers, which the Beavers did in the 2011-12 finale, and earns the #6 seed, the reward will be a return trip to Lexington, Ky., on Tuesday night as Transy has already secured the #3 seed heading into Saturday's showdown.

### 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 276-340. 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 the Pioneers is Brian Lane. He took over at Transy in 2001-02. His accomplishments include: four HCAC regular season and three tournament titles and four NCAA tournament appearances. His record is now 191-104. The Pioneers were 27-5 in 2005-06 and advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division III tournament.

### Last conference contest

The Bluffton University men's basketball team had a strong performance on senior night in the Sommer Center, handing rival Defiance a 75-55 setback. Will Pope led the Beavers with 21 points, while Ryan Ebbeskotte dished out 12 assists.

Transylvania suffered a 73-70 home loss to Hanover on Wednesday, dropping the Pioneers to third place in the HCAC. Brandon Rash led Transy with 22 points and Ethan Spurlin scored 17 in the losing effort.

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

Team	HCAC	GB	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Rose-Hulman	15-2	-	.882	21-3	.875
Hanover	14-3	1	.824	17-7	.708
Transylvania	13-4	2	.765	18-6	.750
Defiance	10-7	5	.588	14-10	.583
Franklin	9-8	6	.529	14-10	.583
Anderson	7-10	8	.412	11-13	.458
Bluffton	7-10	8	.412	11-13	.458
Mt. St. Joseph	7-10	8	.412	8-16	.333
Earlham	2-15	13	.118	3-21	.125
Manchester	1-16	14	.059	4-20	.167

### Leading the Beavers

The Beavers have been using solid shooting and superb rebounding to take down opponents this season. Bluffton is led in these categories by two outstanding juniors, Dustin Kinn and Will Pope, who are shooting .586 and .568, respectively, good enough for 2nd and 4th in the conference. The duo pulls down a combined 12.0 boards per game, which is a huge part of the reason the Beavers are out-rebounding their opponents by almost 10 per game. Freshman forward Thayne Recker has scorched the nets all season and is leading the conference with a 65.2 FG% while grabbing 5.3 RPG. Josh Fisher has been scoring well lately (11.7 PPG over 7 games) while also racking up 64 assists and a team-high 33 steals this season.

### Projected Starters

#### BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY "BEAVERS"

#05 Tyler Neal (PG)	SR	4.8 PPG, 2.5 RPG
#03 Josh Fisher (G)	SR	8.3 PPG, 2.7 APG
#23 Ryan Ebbeskotte (G)	SO	2.8 PPG, 2.8 APG
#33 Dustin Kinn (F)	JR	11.7 PPG, 5.5 RPG
#44 Will Pope (C)	JR	12.6 PPG, 6.5 RPG

#### TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY "PIONEERS"

#24 Tate Cox (G)	JR	7.3 PPG, 2.2 APG
#11 Barrett Meyer (G)	SR	14.8 PPG, 3.4 RPG
#14 Parker Stansberry (F)	FR	9.9 PPG, 3.6 RPG
#32 Brandon Rash (F)	SR	14.6 PPG, 5.9 RPG
#22 Ethan Spurlin (F)	SR	15.8 PPG, 7.6 RPG

## 2012-13 Bluffton University Basketball Statistics (11-13, 7-10 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								
44	Pope, Will	24-23	615	25.6	130-229	.568	0-0	.000	43-75	.573	65	91	156	6.5	47	0	33	53	4	13	303	12.6
33	Kinn, Dustin	24-23	627	26.1	109-186	.586	0-2	.000	63-90	.700	45	88	133	5.5	58	1	40	34	3	23	281	11.7
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	24-24	656	27.3	68-210	.324	18-77	.234	45-63	.714	8	67	75	3.1	40	0	64	62	3	33	199	8.3
50	Recker, Thayne	24-1	457	19.0	75-115	.652	0-0	.000	43-59	.729	59	68	127	5.3	47	0	16	25	16	14	193	8.0
05	Neal, Tyler	24-24	469	19.5	42-113	.372	18-59	.305	13-25	.520	8	52	60	2.5	47	1	45	38	2	16	115	4.8
10	Taflinger, Billy	20-0	295	14.8	30-63	.476	10-20	.500	17-23	.739	6	33	39	2.0	27	0	27	18	0	7	87	4.4
20	Chambers, Nate	21-0	265	12.6	34-79	.430	10-28	.357	9-14	.643	9	38	47	2.2	21	0	16	13	3	8	87	4.1
23	Ebbeskotte, Ryan	24-8	499	20.8	24-65	.369	9-17	.529	10-15	.667	16	33	49	2.0	32	0	68	29	3	20	67	2.8
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	17-0	96	5.6	14-30	.467	0-0	.000	3-5	.600	13	18	31	1.8	17	0	1	8	1	1	31	1.8
34	Gerdeman, Matt	13-1	67	5.2	8-13	.615	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	4	9	13	1.0	7	0	2	2	0	1	19	1.5
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	20-0	141	7.1	7-17	.412	5-10	.500	1-4	.250	4	9	13	0.7	14	0	18	7	1	8	20	1.0
40	Fowler, Jon	15-0	67	4.5	5-19	.263	0-0	.000	4-7	.571	7	5	12	0.8	9	0	1	6	3	1	14	0.9
12	Weisenborn, Matt	15-0	77	5.1	4-16	.250	3-7	.429	2-4	.500	0	3	3	0.2	5	0	5	7	0	4	13	0.9
22	Rumbaugh, Zach	8-0	33	4.1	2-7	.286	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	2	4	6	0.8	4	0	3	4	0	4	5	0.6
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
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	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											33	25	58				6					
Total.....		24	4825		609-1322	.461	106-302	.351	275-420	.655	295	594	889	37.0	414	2	371	342	39	164	1599	66.6
Opponents.....		24	4823		538-1239	.434	148-465	.318	296-420	.705	179	486	665	27.7	423	-	292	302	95	183	1520	63.3

### Bluffton-Transy team stats

	<u>Bluffton</u>	<u>Transy</u>
Points/game	66.6	69.4
Points allowed/game	63.3	59.4
Total FG	609-1322	597-1239
FG %	46.1 %	48.2 %
3-point FG	106-302	173-445
3-pt %	35.1 %	38.9 %
Free throws	275-420	298-433
FT %	65.5 %	68.8 %
Rebounds per game	37.0	31.3
Rebound +/-	+9.3	+2.9
Turnovers per game	14.3	10.7
Turnovers +/-	-1.7	+2.4
Steals per game	6.8	6.8
Blocks per game	1.6	2.5

### Bluffton vs. Transylvania all-time series

Transylvania holds an 19-5 advantage over the Beavers in the all-time series which dates back to 2002. The Pioneers had won six straight before Bluffton throttled #14 Transy 83-65 in the 2011-12 regular season finale.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Location</u>
12-15-12	Transy	72-61	Sommer
2-18-12	Bluffton	83-65	Founders
12-17-11	Transy	76-68	Away
1-22-11	Transy	67-65	Away
12-4-10	Transy	65-57	Founders

Next up for the Beavers and Pioneers

Bluffton's HCAC tourney hopes ride on the outcome of this and the Anderson-Mt. St. Joseph game, while Transylvania will be the #3 seed in the tournament, hosting the #6 seed (TBD) on Feb. 19 at 7:30 PM.

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22	Spurlin, Ethan	24-24	704	29.3	143-269	.532	0-3	.000	94-127	.740	70	112	182	7.6	54	1	42	54	14	24	380	15.8
11	Meyer, Barrett	24-24	785	32.7	123-245	.502	66-143	.462	44-62	.710	15	67	82	3.4	50	2	28	38	3	30	356	14.8
32	Rash, Brandon	24-24	789	32.9	137-248	.552	8-25	.320	68-123	.553	47	94	141	5.9	72	2	69	63	16	30	350	14.6
14	Stansberry, Parker	23-22	672	29.2	80-166	.482	42-103	.408	25-30	.833	16	66	82	3.6	41	1	30	20	13	18	227	9.9
24	Cox, Tate	19-18	566	29.8	42-115	.365	27-70	.386	27-36	.750	7	41	48	2.5	30	0	42	18	7	15	138	7.3
12	Botkin, Taylor	20-1	412	20.6	21-54	.389	6-21	.286	16-20	.800	16	45	61	3.1	50	0	31	20	3	19	64	3.2
03	Beuttel, Trey	21-0	179	8.5	11-39	.282	10-36	.278	10-11	.909	6	12	18	0.9	14	0	9	4	1	4	42	2.0
10	Fudge, Nick	23-7	325	14.1	8-28	.286	8-23	.348	6-8	.750	6	16	22	1.0	31	0	16	13	0	10	30	1.3
44	Jennings, Joe	15-0	72	4.8	7-15	.467	0-0	.000	5-9	.556	9	9	18	1.2	9	0	0	4	2	3	19	1.3
45	Morrison, Leavitt	23-0	154	6.7	13-26	.500	0-0	.000	1-5	.200	8	15	23	1.0	12	0	2	4	1	2	27	1.2
33	Taylor, Chris	12-0	30	2.5	4-10	.400	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	3	3	6	0.5	3	0	1	0	0	0	10	0.8
01	Sirkin, Tommy	18-0	88	4.9	5-13	.385	2-8	.250	2-2	1.000	1	7	8	0.4	14	0	7	6	0	7	14	0.8
04	Gordon, Lowell	11-0	27	2.5	2-5	.400	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.3	1	0	1	5	1	0	6	0.5
15	Dooley, Isaiah	8-0	16	2.0	1-6	.167	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.4	1	0	2	1	0	0	2	0.3
05	Clark, Jacob	4-0	5	1.3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											24	28	52				6					
Total.....		24	4824		597-1239	.482	173-445	.389	298-433	.688	228	522	750	31.3	382	6	280	256	61	162	1665	69.4
Opponents.....		24	4826		504-1182	.426	158-450	.351	260-379	.686	207	474	681	28.4	411	-	281	313	51	110	1426	59.4