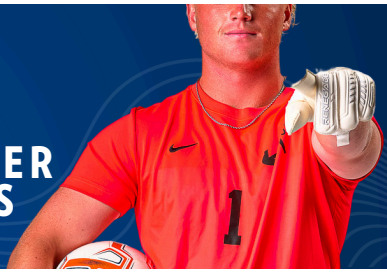
HOPE 2026 MEN'S SOCCER GAME NOTES



GAME 20

GAME 20 | NOV. 13, 2026 | 2:30 P.M. ET | CLEVELAND, OH

HOPE COLLEGE
FLYING DUTCH

VS.

TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY
PIONEERS

Record	13-2-4 (4-1-2 MIAA)
Ranking (USC)	nr
Last Game	Nov. 7, 2026, v. Calvin; W, 1-0
Head Coach	David Blahnik
Record at Hope	56-20-18 (5th season)

Record	13-2-3 (8-0-1 HCAC)
Ranking (USC)	nr
Last Game	Nov. 7, 2026, at Earlham; W, 3-2
Head Coach	Ben Federici
Record at Transylvania	50-22-21 (5th season)

2026 TEAM STATISTICS

Goals | opp.	63 | 19
Goals/game | opp.	3.32 | 1.00
Shots/game | opp.	21.2 | 9.1
Shots on goal | opp.	186 | 66
SOG % | opp.	.462 | .382
Assists | opp.	49 | 13
Saves | opp.	47 | 123
Corner Kicks | opp.	138 | 80

2026 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Goals	Seth Walters/Jackson Mindling (15)
Assists	Seth Walters (7)
Shots	Seth Walters (96)
Shots on Goal	Seth Walters (46)
Game-Winning Goals	Jackson Mindling (5)
Saves	Cooper Hutt (46)
Points	Seth Walters (37)

2026 TEAM STATISTICS

Goals | opp.	52 | 16
Goals/game | opp.	2.89 | 0.89
Shots/game | opp.	15.8 | 8.2
Shots on goal | opp.	152 | 64
SOG % | opp.	.549 | .435
Assists | opp.	41 | 13
Saves | opp.	48 | 104
Corner Kicks | opp.	106 | 67

2026 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Goals	Gus Dickman (10)
Assists	McKay Wheatley (11)
Shots	Stone Work (45)
Shots on Goal	Stone Work/Gus Dickman (28)
GWG	Cole Varela (4)
Saves	Ethan Drew (45)
Points	Stone Work (27)



2026 MIAA SCHEDULE

Oct. 7	Albion **Britons**	Albion, MI	T, 1-1
Oct. 10	Adrian **Bulldogs**	Adrian, MI	T, 1-1
Oct. 13	Trine **Thunder**	Holland, MI	W, 2-1
Oct. 16	Calvin **Knights**	Holland, MI	L, 3-2
Oct. 21	Olivet **Comets**	Olivet, MI	W, 4-0
Oct. 24	Kalamazoo **Hornets**	Holland, MI	W, 4-1
Oct. 27	Alma **Scots**	Alma, MI	W, 4-1
Oct. 31	Alma **Scots**	Holland, MI *MIAA TOURNAMENT QUARTERFINALS*	W, 7-0
Nov 3	Albion **Britons**	Albion, MI *MIAA TOURNAMENT SEMIFINALS*	T, 3-3 (advanced on PKs)
Nov 7	Calvin **Knights**	Grand Rapids, MI *MIAA TOURNAMENT FINALS*	W, 1-0

MEN'S SOCCER MAKES 16TH APPEARANCE AT NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS

The MIAA Tournament champion Hope College men's soccer team seeks to build on the biggest win of the season as the Flying Dutch advance to the NCAA Division III Championships for the 16th time in program history and the first time since 2024. The Flying Dutch open against Transylvania and won the only between the two teams, 4-0, durring a 2019 tournament at Ohio Northern. If Hope moves onto the second round, the Orange and Blue will face either Case Western Reserve or Penn State-Behrend for the first time. The Flying Dutch are 9-13-4 all-time in the NCAA Championships and won twice on the first weekend (2011 and 1994).

Hope last appeared in the NCAA Championships in 2024 under the direction of head coach David Blahnik. The Orange and Blue defeated DePauw, 2-0, in the first round, before falling to nationally ranked Wisconsin Oshkosh, 1-0, in double overtime. The Flying Dutch earned the MIAA's automatic berth to the national tournament by winning three matches over eight days in the league tournament: 7-0 over Alma on October 31 at home in the quarterfinals, 3-3 at Albion on November 3 (advancing 5-4 on PKs) in the semifinals, and 1-0 at No. 15 Calvin at November 7. It was Hope's third MIAA Tournament crown.



CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

SPARTANS

Record 11-0-5 (3-0-4 UAA)
Ranking (USC) 4th
Last Game Nov. 7, 2026, vs. Carnegie Mellon; T, 0-0
Head Coach Carter Poe
Record at CWRU 38-24-22 (7th season)

2026 TEAM STATISTICS

Goals | opp. 35 | 7
Goals/game | opp. 2.19 | 0.44
Shots/game | opp. 12.7 | 9.4
Shots on goal | opp. 102 | 47
SOG % | opp. .502 | .311
Assists | opp. 30 | 3
Saves | opp. 40 | 67
Corner Kicks | opp. 68 | 85

2026 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Goals Micah Rossen (7)
Assists Owen Guffey (6)
Shots Micah Rossen (32)
Shots on Goal Micah Rossen (19)
GWG Cormac Apostolides/Mitchell Fein/Saiheed Jah (2)
Saves Carter Shedd (39)
Points Cormac Apostolides/Micah Rossen (16)

PENN STATE BEHREND UNIVERSITY

LIONS

Record 13-1-7 (5-1-1 AMCC)
Ranking (USC) n/r
Last Game Nov. 7, 2026, vs. Mt. Aloysius; W, 3-0
Head Coach Chris Ralph
Record at PSU-Behrend 35-12-13 (3rd season)

2026 TEAM STATISTICS

Goals | opp. 50 | 11
Goals/game | opp. 2.38 | 0.52
Shots/game | opp. 13.7 | 9.2
Shots on goal | opp. 136 | 68
SOG % | opp. .474 | .351
Assists | opp. 43 | 10
Saves 56
Corner Kicks | opp. 122 | 85

2026 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Goals Adam Thompson (8)
Assists Adam Thompson (8)
Shots Daniel Christafano (41)
Shots on Goal Daniel Christafanov (21)
GWG Adam Thompson/Daniel Christafano (3)
Saves Connor Cross (53)
Points Adam Thompson (24)



GAME NOTES

DOUBLE-DIGIT VICTORIES

Hope has achieved at least 10 wins in a single season four consecutive times under the direction of head coach David Blahnik. The Flying Dutch entered this weekend with a 13-2-4 record. Since Blahnik's first season that finished with a 7-5-6 mark, Hope has done 11-4-3 in 2023, 14-3-3 in 2024, and 11-6-2 in 2025. The school record is 17 wins, accompolished three times: 2013, 2011, 2005 and 200, all under with Dr. Steven Smith as head coach.

HIGH SCORING

Hope is scoring at a rare clip in Division III this season, ranking fifth in the nation at 3.ew goals per game. The Flying Dutch only stand behind Calvin (3.79) from the MIAA, Wisconsin-Superior (3.73 from the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference, Montclair State from the NewJersey Athletic Conference (3.43), and Saint John's from the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (3.41).

40-GOAL CLUB

Forwards Seth Walters and Jackon Mindling have joined an exclusive club as 40-career-goal scorers at Hope.

Wolters, a senior, ranks fourth with the Flying Dutch with 44 goals, trailing only Jim DeJulio (49, 1976-79). Brad Pagratis (47, 1991-94), and Jerry Nyanor (45, 1984-86). Mindling, a junior, has 40 goals and sits sixth all-time. Darren Bennett is in fifth with 42 goals (1979-82).

ALL-MIAA ACCOLADES

Five Hope College men's soccer standouts earned All-MIAA accolades for the 2026 season from the league's coaches, including four first-team recipients. Forwards Jackson Mindling and Seth Walters, midfielder Josh Weigel, and defender Benjamin Smitley are among 12 All-MIAA First Team honorees. Defender Evan Tsandes is one of 12 All-MIAA Second Team selections.

Mindling (Grand Rapids, Michigan / Grand Rapids Christian) topped the MIAA with six goals in seven league games, three of which went for game winners. The junior accounting and business major ranks second overall with 13 goals, trailing only his teammate Walters, who has 15. A three-time All-MIAA recipient, Mindling also recorded four assists, including one in MIAA play.



Walters (St. Joseph, Michigan / St. Joseph) netted four goals and one assist during seven MIAA games. The senior electrical engineering major claimed All-MIAA recognition for the fourth time in his career.

Weigel (Naperville, Illinois / Naperville Central) totaled two of his three goals and two of his four assists over seven MIAA games. The senior business major and four-time All-MIAA selection is Hope's eighth recipient of the Zuidema Award.

Smitley (Wyoming, Michigan / Grand Rapids Catholic Central) anchored a Hope defense that allowed eight goals over seven MIAA games and finished +10 in goal scoring during league play. The junior is an accounting major.

Tsandes (Park City, Utah / Park City) claimed his first All-MIAA accolade. The senior contributed on both ends of the field, including collecting his one goal and three of his career-best four assists against MIAA opponents.

MIAA ZUIDEMA AWARD RECIPIENT

Senior Josh Weigel has been selected as the recipient of the Dr. Marvin A. Zuidema Award. Presented to a senior selected for contributions to team play, leadership qualities, demonstration of ethical virtues, and excellence in athletics and academics, the award was established in 1999 in honor of the late Dr. Marvin Zuidema, longtime men's soccer coach and athletic administrator at Calvin.

Weigel's accomplishments extend well beyond the soccer field. A three-time MIAA Academic Honor Roll selection, he maintains a 3.97 GPA while double majoring in Business Administration and Accounting.

HOPE SUPERLATIVES

MOST POINTS: 27, vs. Concordia Chicago, Sept. 5
FEWEST POINTS: 2, at Calvin, No.v 7
MOST INDIVIDUAL POINTS: 7 (Seth Walters at Roanoke on Sept. 19)
MOST GOALS SCORED: 9 vs. Concordia Chicago, Sept. 5
FEWEST GOALS SCORED: 1, four times (at Lynchburg on Sept. 19, at Albion on Oct. 7, at Adrian on Oct. 10, at Calvin, Nov. 7
MOST INDIVIDUAL GOALS: 3, Jackson Mindling (at Concordia Chicago on Sept. 17), Seth Walters (at Roanoke on Sept. 17)
MOST ASSISTS: 9 at Concordia Chicago on Sept. 5
MOST INDIVIDUAL ASSISTS: 3, Micah Wieland (at Concordia Chicago on Sept. 5)
FEWEST ASSISTS: 0, twice (at Calvin, Nov.7; vs. Trine, Oct. 13)
MOST SHOTS: 42 at Oberlin, Sept. 24
FEWEST SHOTS: 7, twice (at Ohio Northern on Sept. 12, at Lynchburg on Sept. 19)
MOST INDIVIDUAL SHOTS: 14, Seth Walters (at Oberlin on Sept. 24)
MOST SHOTS ON GOAL: 21 at Oberlin, Sept. 24
FEWEST SHOTS ON GOAL: 4 at Lynchburg, Sept. 19
MOST INDIVIDUAL SHOTS ON GOAL: 7, Jackson Mindling at Oberlin, Sept. 24
MOST SAVES: 7 at Lynchburg on Sept. 19
MOST INDIVIDUAL SAVES: 7, Cooper Hutt (at Lynchburg on Sept. 19)
MOST CORNER KICKS: 13, vs. Kalamazoo, Oct. 24
FEWEST CORNER KICKS: 0, at Lynchburg, Sept. 19
MOST FOULS: 14, at Albion, Oct. 27
FEWEST FOULS: 0. at La Roche, SepT. 26

MOST OPPOSING POINTS: 11 at Ohio Northern, Sept. 12
MOST OPPOSING GOALS: 3, three times (at Ohio Northern on Sept. 12, vs. Calvin on Oct. 16, at Albion, Nov. 3)
FEWEST OPPOSING GOALS: 0, seven times (at Calvin, Nov. 7; vs. Alma, Oct. 31; at Olivet, Oct. 21; vs. Illinois College, Sept. 11; vs. Illinois Tech, Sept. 8; at Concordia Chicago, Sept. 5; vs. Adrian, Sept. 1
MOST OPPOSING ASSISTS: 5 at Ohio Northern, Sept. 12
FEWEST OPPOSING ASSISTS: 0, 15 times (at Calvin, Nov. 7)
MOST OPPOSING SHOTS: 18, twice (at Lynchurg, Sept. 19; at Ohio Northern, Sept. 12
FEWEST OPPOSING SHOTS: 1, at La Roche, Sep[t. 26
MOST OPPOSING SHOTS ON GOAL: 9, at Lynchburg, Sept. 19
FEWEST OPPOSING SHOTS ON GOAL: 1, three times (at Concordia Chicago on Sept. 5, at La Roche on Sept. 26, at Alma on Oct. 27)
MOST OPPOSING SAVES: 18, at Oberlin, Sept. 24
FEWEST OPPOSING SAVES: 1, at Roanoke on Sept. 17)
MOST OPPOSING CORNER KICKS: 10 at Ohio Northern n Sept. 12
FEWEST OPPOSING CORNER KICKS: 0, vs. Calvin, Oct. 16
MOST OPPOSING FOULS: 15, vs. Adrian, Sept. 1
FEWEST OPPOSING FOULS: 0, at La Roche, Sept. 16

MIAA TOURNAMENT *RECAP*

QUARTERFINALS: HOPE 7, ALMA 0

It took just 65 seconds for the Hope College men's soccer team to spark an explosive offensive display on Saturday afternoon at Van Andel Soccer Stadium, setting the tone early in a 7-0 MIAA tournament quarterfinal victory over Alma College.

The Flying Dutch's seven-goal performance tied the MIAA tournament record for the most goals scored by a team in a single game, matching Calvin University's 2016 effort vs. Albion College.

Junior Jackson Mindling (Grand Rapids, Michigan / Grand Rapids Christian HS) put the Flying Dutch on the board right out of the gate with a header goal at the 1:05 mark off a setup from senior Evan Tsandes (Park City, Utah / Park City).

Before Alma could regroup, junior Ryker Corstange (Richland, Michigan / Gull Lake) doubled the lead only 42 seconds later, finishing a pass from Mindling at 1:47 to complete a rapid-fire opening salvo.

Senior Seth Walters (St. Joseph, Michigan / St. Joseph) added a third goal in the 18th minute off an assist from Corstange.

Just before halftime, Mindling capped off his strong opening stint by drawing a foul in the box and converting the resulting penalty kick at 40:43 to send the Flying Dutch into the break with a commanding 4-0 cushion. He now has 13 goals of the season and 38 for his career.





SEMIFINALS: HOPE 3, ALBION 3 (HOPE PKS, 5-4)

IThe final bounce of an all-consuming semifinal showdown fell in the Hope College men's soccer team's favor, sending the dark blue-clad Flying Dutch into jubilation on the turf Wednesday night at Albion College.

After playing 110 minutes in regulation and overtime to a 3-3 draw, Hope endured a seven-round penalty kick session against the Britons to decide which team advanced to this weekend's MIAA Tournament championship game.

The Flying Dutch converted five PKs to Albion's four, with senior Micah Wieland (Bristol, Indiana) putting Hope ahead before the Britons struck their final attempt off the crossbar.

Hope (12-2-4 overall) converted its final four PK attempts against All-MIAA first-team goalkeeper Tom Veresh, receiving goals from senior midfielder Evan Morrison (Canton, Michigan), All-MIAA first-team sophomore defender Jack Lowman (Novi, Michigan), All-MIAA first-team junior defender Benjamin Smitely (Wyoming, Michigan) and Wieland.

Before the run, senior goalkeeper Cooper Hutt recorded two saves to keep the PKs even at one apiece following junior Jackson Mindling's successful opening attempt.

Mindling (Grand Rapids, Michigan) staked Hope to a 2-1 halftime lead by scoring goals in the 27th and 41st minutes. The All-MIAA first-team forward reached 15 goals this season and 40 for his career.

FINALS: HOPE 1, CALVIN 0

This time, the Flying Dutch men's soccer team emphatically shut down any hope of a Calvin University comeback. Hope College withstood the Knights' desperate charge after charge on Saturday night in Grand Rapids, holding the nation's highest-scoring team scoreless until the final buzzer sounded.

The second-seeded Flying Dutch celebrated a 1-0 victory over 15th-ranked Calvin in the MIAA Tournament championship game that clinched a berth in next week's NCAA Division III Championships.

Hope (13-2-4) also triumphantly snapped a 23-match winless stretch in The Rivalry. The two teams tied six times since the 2013 season, with Calvin winning the other 17 games, including a come-from-behind 3-2 victory on October 17 at Van Andel Soccer Stadium, where the Knights netted the game-winner with less than a second remaining.

Hope capitalized on an errant Calvin attempt to clear 7 minutes, 50 seconds into the game that ended up as an own goal. The Flying Dutch did not let Calvin (15-2-2) produce the equalizer despite ramping up pressure during the second half. The Knights outshot Hope 7-3 during the second half and 13-11 for the entire game. Calvin also generated a game-high 10 corner kicks.

Senior goalkeeper Cooper Hutt (Grand Rapids, Michigan / Grand Rapids Christian) posted two saves for the Orange and Blue's seventh shutout this season.

The victory, coupled with Hope's 2-0 victory over No. 9 Calvin in the women's final, gave the Flying Dutch both MIAA Soccer Tournament titles in the same season for the first time in school history.



COACHING *STAFF*



DAVID BLAHNIK
Head Coach

David Blahnik was named Hope College men's soccer head coach on May 3, 2022. In two seasons, Blahnik has guided the Flying Dutchmen to an 18-9-9 overall record and a 9-4-1 mark against MIAA opponents.

Blahnik guided Olivet Nazarene to a .707 winning percentage over six seasons from 2012 through 2017. Blahnik served as an assistant men's soccer coach at Hope in 2019, helping the Flying Dutchmen return to the NCAA Division III Tournament and finishing with a 14-6-1 overall record. Blahnik holds a bachelor's degree in sport management and a Master of Business Administration degree from Olivet Nazarene.



CONNOR FOWLER
Assistant Coach

Connor Fowler '22 joined the Hope College men's soccer coaching staff prior to the start of the 2022 season.A native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Fowler played three seasons for the Flying Dutchmen before graduating with a bachelor's degree in physical education and health.

Fowler also played for the Tulip City United in the Midwest Premier League. He has served as junior varsity coach at Holland Christian High School and U10 and U19 boys teams for United Soccer Athletes in Holland. Fowler is currently employed as an Elementary Physical Education Teacher for Holland Public Schools.



CHRIS TABORN
Assistant Coach

Chris Taborn joined the Hope College men's soccer coaching staff prior to the 2023 season and will primarily be working with the goalkeepers. Taborn previously was the assistant coach at Olivet Nazarene University (2018-2020) and Davenport University (2020-2023). He also was the four-year starting goalkeeper at Olivet Nazarene under Coach Blahnik.

Originally from Matteson, Illinois, Taborn is the owner of the Tiger Goalkeeping Institute and the current Head of Goalkeeping for Midwest United FC. He holds a Sports Management degree from Olivet Nazarene.



COLE PAULY
Assistant Coach

Cole Pauly '25 joined the Hope Coillege men's soccer coaching staff after finishing a stellar playing career for the Flying Dutchmen. Pauly earned United Soccer Coaches All-Region First Team accolades as a defender after leading the Orange and Blue to a 14-3-3 record, a second-round appearance in the NCAA Division III Tournament and an MIAA co-championship.

Pauly claimed All-MIAA First Team recognition three times over three seasons following a transfer from North Park University. He was the HOPEY's Male Athlete of the Year nominee.

2026 NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown
00	Jack Hoekstra	GK	Fr.	Byron Center, MI
1	Cooper Hutt	GK	Sr.	Grand Rapids, MI
3	Ryker Corstange	F	Jr.	Richland, MI
4	Seth Walters	F	5th	St. Joseph, MI
5	Jack Lowman	D	So.	Novi, MI
6	Josh Reyes	M	Sr.	Rochester Hills, MI
8	Evan Morrison	D	Sr.	Canton, MI
9	Jackson Mindling	F	Jr.	Grand Rapids, MI
10	Eli Jarrell	M	Fr.	Naperville, IL
12	Micah Wieland	M	Sr.	Bristol, IN
13	Josh Weigel	M	Sr.	Naperville, IL
14	Rayden Dominguez	M	Fr.	Skokie, IL
15	Soren White	D	So.	Tampa, FL
16	Benjamin Smitley	M	Jr.	Wyoming, MI
18	Evan Tsandes	M	Sr.	Park City, UT
19	Ryan Gervase	D	Fr.	Naperville, IL
20	Dylan Bott	M	Jr.	DeWitt, MI
21	Zach Risley	M	Sr.	Kalamazoo, MI
22	Caden Chenlo	D	Sr.	E Grand Rapids, MI
23	Jonathan Kern	D	Fr.	Holland, MI
24	Tate Pellow	F	Fr.	Byron Center, MI
25	Morgan Arsenault	M	So.	Gallup, NM
26	Rory Cobb	D	So.	Caledonia, MI
27	Michael Dietz	D	Sr.	Eaton Rapids, MI
28	Carter Broeckel	D	Fr.	Portage, MI
29	Owen Ceithaml	M	Jr.	Holland, MI
31	JP Hogsten	D	Jr.	Holland, MI
99	Justin Kuiper	GK	Sr.	Holland, MI

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HEAD COACH
DAVID BLAHNIK
RECORD AT HOPE: *56-20-18*

HOPE 2026 STATISTICAL LEADERS

	GOALS	ASSISTS	SHOTS	SOG
SETH WALTERS	15	7	96	46
JACKSON MINDLING	15	4	91	39
RYKER CORSTANGE	10	5	52	24
MICAH WIELING	4	3	17	9
EVAN MORRISON	2	6	10	9
JOSH WEIGEL	3	4	28	14

	GWG	SHOT %
JACKSON MINDLING	5	.429
RYKER CORSTANGE	3	.462
SETH WALTERS	1	.479

	SAVES	SHUTOUTS	GAA
COOPER HUTT	46	5	1.00
JUSTIN KUIPER	1	0	.00