HOPE 2026-27 MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES



GAME 3

GAME 3 | NOVEMBER, 14, 2026 | 5 P.M. | HOLLAND, MI | DEVOS FIELDHOUSE

HOPE COLLEGE
FLYING DUTCH

VS.

ELMHURST UNIVERSITY
BLUE JAYS



Record	2-0 (0-0 MIAA)
Ranking (d3hoops.com)	nr
Last Game	Nov. 7, v. Franklin; W, 79-59
Head Coach	Greg Mitchell
Record at Hope	219-106 (12th season)

Record	2-0 (0-0 CCIW)
Ranking (d3hoops.com)	13
Last Game	Nov. 11 v. DePauw; W, 75-60
Head Coach	John Baines
Record at Elmhurst	218-124 (14th season)

2026-27 TEAM STATISTICS

Points	169	**3 Pt % Defense**	.183
Points/gm	84.5	**3 Pt/gm**	3.5
Pts allowed/gm	61.0	**Free Throw %**	.755
Rebounds/gm	54.5	**Assists/gm**	11.5
Rebound margin	29.5	**Turnovers/gm**	18.5
Field Goal %	.488	**Opp. Turnovers/gm**	13.0
FG % Defense	.344	**Blocks/gm**	5.5
3 Pt %	.226	**Steals/gm**	8.5

2026-27 TEAM STATISTICS

Points	156	**3 Pt % Defense**	.255
Points/gm	56.0	**3 Pt/gm**	9.0
Pts allowed/gm	56.0	**Free Throw %**	.605
Rebounds/gm	7.5	**Assists/gm**	15.0
Rebound margin	7.5	**Turnovers/gm**	9.5
Field Goal %	.452	**Opp. Turnovers/gm**	14.0
FG % Defense	.360	**Blocks/gm**	4.0
3 Pt %	.400	**Steals/gm**	11.0

2025-26 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Points	Brendan Cargill (40 tot., 20.0/gm)
Field Goals	Brendan Cargill (14 tot., .560)
3-Pointers	Brendan Cargill (3 tot., .273)
Assists	Brady Miller/Orion Yant (4 tot., 2.0/gm)
Rebounds	Kyle Blauch (19 tot., 9.5/gm)
Steals	Jared Ryg (4 tot., 2.0/gm)
Shots Blocked	Ben Mehendale (3 tot., 1.5/gm)

2026-27 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Points	Dominic Trelenberg (33 tot., 16.5./gm)
Field Goals	Dominic Trelenberg (10 tot., .500)
3-Pointers	Dominic Trelenberg (7 tot., .583)
Assists	Vinnie Adjahoungbeta/EJ Marshall/Luke Smith (5 tot.)
Rebounds	Vinnie Adjahoungbeta (18 tot., 9.0.gm)
Steals	EJ Marshall (5 tot., 2.5/gm)
Shots Blocked	Vinnie Adjahoungbeta (3 tot., 1.5/gm)

2026-27 SCHEDULE

Nov. 6	Anderson **Ravens**	DeVos Fieldhouse | Holland, MI	W, 90-63
Nov. 7	Franklin **Grizzlies**	DeVos Fieldhouse | Holland, MI	W, 79-59
Nov. 14	Elmhurst **Bluejays**	DeVos Fieldhouse | Holland, MI	5 p.m.
Nov. 17	North Central **Cardinals**	Naperville, IL	6 p.m. CT
Nov. 24	Wisconsin-Whitewater **Eagles**	Whitewater, WI	6 p.m. CT
Dec. 5	Wisconsin-Platteville **Pioneers**	Platteville, WI	5 p.m. CT
Dec. 11	Whitman **Blues**	Walla Walla, WA	3:30 p.m. PT
Dec. 12	Whitworth **Pirates**	Spokane, WA	6 p.m. PT
Dec. 19	Rose-Hulman **Elephants**	Terre Haute, IN	2 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL FACES FIRST NATIONALLY RANKED OPPONENT OF THE SEASON

The Hope College men's basketball team welcome 13th-ranked Elmhurst University to DeVos Fieldhouse, the Flying Dutch's first test against a nationally ranked opponent this season.

Both teams are off to 2-0 starts. Hope has defeated two opponents from the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference: Anderson, 90-63, and Franklin, 79-59. Elmhurst topped Ripon, 91-52, and DePauw, 75-60.

This iis the ninth all-time meeting between Hope and Elmhurst and the teams are meeting in back-to-back seasons. The Flying Dutch trail the series, 5-3, but all three wins have come at home. Elmhurst won last season, 71-66, at home.

Against Anderson, the Flying Dutch snatched a 90-63 victory aby grabbing a plus-29 advantage on the glass, led by Kyle Blauch's career-high 13 rebounds. Sophomore guard Brendan Cargill netted a game-high 20 points, including the Flying Dutch's first seven points. Cargill also tracked down four boards.

Against Franklin, Hope overwhelmed the Grizzlies in the paint for a 79-59 victory. Sophomore Brendan Cargill spearheaded the scoring effort with a game-high 20 points on 7-of-12 shooting from the floor and a 5-for-7 mark at the charity stripe. Junior forward Orion Yant joined Cargill in double figures, delivering 13 points on a perfect 5-for-5 from the free-throw line, and a team-high eight rebounds.

A *HOPE WIN* WOULD....

give the Flying Dutch their first 3-0 start since the 2023-24 season when they opened with four consecutive victories, repeated as MIAA Tournament champions finished with 23-7 record.

be the Orange and Blue's 1,758th in program history. Hope entered the season with a 1,757-846 overall record after 121 seasons that ranks in the Top 5 among active Division III teams.



QUICK *FACTS*

Location	Holland, MI
Founded	1866
Enrollment	3,369 (Spring 2024)
President	Matthew A. Scogin
Athletics Director	Tim Schoonveld
Sports Information Director	Alan Babbitt
Colors	Blue (Pantone) & Orange (Pantone)
Nickname	Flying Dutch
Affiliations	NCAA Division III Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association
Conference Website	https://miaa.org
Ticket Office	616-395-7890

HOPE BASKETBALL COMMUNICATIONS STAFF

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FACILITY

Facility	DeVos Fieldhouse
Capacity	3,400+
Largest Crowd	------
Year Opened	2006

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Greg Mitchell
Associate Head Coach	Ken George
Assistant Coach	Ryan Klinger
Assistant Coach	Tom Davelaar

SUPPORT STAFF

Strength & Conditioning Coach	Dan Margritz
Head Athletic Trainer	Tim Koberna

MEDIA AND CREDENTIALS *INFORMATION*

CREDENTIALS

Season media credentials can be requested by working members of the media by contacting members of the Hope College Sports Information Department. Email Sports Information Director Alan Babbitt (babbitt@hope.edu) or Sports Information Coordinator Mackenzie McMahon (mcmahon@hope.edu). Also call the office at (616) 395-7860.

PARKING

Free parking is available to media and fans in parking lots adjacent to DeVos Fieldhouse and on the streets near the facility. Handicapped parking is also availabile in each lot outside of DeVos Fieldhouse.

INTERVIEWS

Interviews with coaches and student-athletes can be arranged before or after practices and after games through the Hope College Sports Information Department.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Photographers and videographers are asked to shoot from areas that don't interfere with the game nor block spectators' views of trhe game.

INTERNET

Free internet is provided by Hope College for guests of the college. Search for Hope Guest on your device and use the password welcome2hope to access the internet.

HISTORY

First Season	1902
Seasons	121
All-Time Record	1,755-846
Conference Titles (Last)	41 (2022)
Tournament Titles (Last)	16 (2026)

TEAM INFO

2025-26 Overall Record	18-10
2025-26 Conference Record	11-3
2025-26 Home Record	8-5
2025-26 Away Record	8-5
2025-26 Neutral Record	2-0





GREG MITCHELL *HEAD COACH*

Greg Mitchell is the 11th head coach in the Flying Dutchmen's storied history. He joined the college in July 2014 and also holds the rank of assistant professor of kinesiology.

In 10-plus seasons, Mitchell has led the Flying Dutchmen to a 210-103 record, four MIAA regular-season championships, four MIAA Tournament titles, and six NCAA Division III Championships tournament appearances.

Mitchell has deep ties to Hope Basketball. The 1989 Hope graduate played four seasons of basketball for the Flying Dutchmen, winning two MIAA championships (1986-87 and 1987-88) and making three NCAA Division III Tournament appearances (1987-89) during that time.

As a junior, Mitchell and the Flying Dutchmen made their deepest run in the national tournament, reaching the 1988 Great Lakes Regional final before falling in double overtime to eventual national champion Ohio Wesleyan University, 110-107.

Mitchell helped the Flying Dutchmen post a 74-27 overall record and a 40-8 mark in MIAA play during his four seasons as a player. He still holds the Flying Dutchmen record for career 3-point shooting at 46.4 percent (116-of-250). He averaged a career-high 10.3 points per game his senior season in 1988-89.

Before returning to his alma mater, Mitchell spent 25 years coaching varsity boys basketball at Laingsburg High School near Lansing, Michigan, while teaching for Laingsburg and Okemos schools. Mitchell compiled a 362-201 career record at Laingsburg, including a state runner-up finish during the 2012-13 season. At Laingsburg, Mitchell coached Laingsburg to three Michigan High School Athletic Association regional championships, six district championships, and six conference championships.

Mitchell was named Coach of the Year seven times: twice in Class C By the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (2013 and 1997), once in Class C by the Associated Press Sports Editors of Michigan (2012), once in Class C by the Detroit News (2013) and three times by the Lansing State Journal (2013, 2012 and 1997).

Mitchell earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Hope. He also received a master's degree in athletic administration from Michigan State University.

Mitchell and his wife, Dina Zurchauer ('88), have four children: daughters Aleah, Quincie and Jalynn, and son Bryson.

YEAR-BY-YEAR AS HEAD COACH

YEAR	*RECORD*	*NOTES*
2024-25	16-12	3rd in MIAA
2023-24	23-7	3rd in MIAA, 1-1 NCAA
2022-23	20-10	3rd in MIAA, 1-1 NCAA
2021-22	22-7	1st MIAA, 0-1 NCAA
2020-21	7-5	4th in MIAA
2019-20	12-14	6th in MIAA
2018-19	15-1	T3rd in MIAA
2017-18	19-10	T1st in MIAA, 1-1 NCAA
2016-17	24-4	T1st in MIAA, 2-1 NCAA
2015-16	18-9	2nd in MIAA, 0-1 NCAA

COACHING *STAFF*



RYAN WADE
Assistant Coach

Ryan Wade joined the Hope College men's basketball team as a full-time assistant coach before the 2026-27 season. The former Western Michigan University guard and Laingsburg High School standout had been serving as the head assistant boys varsity basketball coach at Grandville High School since 2021 and a coach for the Grand Rapids Storm program since 2020. Wade has also operated his Advanced Basketball Training business since 2018.



RYAN KLINGLER
Assistant Coach

Coach Ryan Klingler brings a wealth of experience and passion to his role as a varsity assistant with the Hope College men's basketball team. With 15 years of varsity high school coaching under his belt, including head coaching stints at Fennville HS and Grandville HS, Coach Klingler has a proven track record of developing talented student-athletes and competitive programs. Currently teaching at Grandville High School and residing in Holland, Klingler has a deep-rooted connection to Hope College, graduating in 2001. When not coaching or serving the community, Klingler enjoys spending time with his family, including his two children, Drew (19) and Gina (18). He also actively helps manage a local restaurant, Baja Grill, with his two younger brothers, Ross and Gary.



HARRIS HAWKINS
Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator

Harris Hawkins '23 joined the Hope College men's basketball coaching staff for the 2026-27 season as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. He will also serve as the head junior varsity coach. A three-time letterwinner as a student-athlete, Hawkins was a member of two MIAA Championship teams. He made the MIAA Academic Honor Roll twice. He was also a finalist for HOPEY's comeback player of the year in 2022 after coming back from ACL surgery his junior year. Hawkins holds a master's in clinical mental health counseling from Cumberlands and a bachelor's in business from Hope.



TOM DAVELAAR
Assistant Coach

Tom Davelaar has been as an assistant coach with Hope College Men's Basketball since the 1981-82 season. Davelaar began his tenure at Hope as a volunteer after serving as the boys basketball coach at Zeeland. His role has progressed each and every year at Hope with his primary responsibility being that of opponent scouting and preparation. A 1972 graduate of Hope College, Davelaar taught social studies and history for 39 years with the Zeeland Public Schools. He retired in 2011. He still is active in the Zeeland Public Schools, providing the "golden chords" as the public address announcer for football and track. Davelaar has three children -- Hope grads, Joe '00, Kate '00, and Sarah, an '04 JMU '04 grad -- and four grandchildren. Davelaar is married to Anne Bakker.

2026-27 NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown / High School
0	Brady Miller	G	6-3	Jr.	Grand Rapids, MI / Forest Hills Central
1	Avery Sanchez	G	6-1	So.	Turlock, CA / John H. Pittman
2	Brendan Cargill	G	5-10	So.	Grand Rapids, Michigan / Forest Hills Central
3	Tucker Walther	G	6-3	So.	Schoolcraft, MI / Schoolcraft
4	Drew Kozel	F	6-4	Jr.	Macomb, MI / L'Anse Creuse North
5	Charles Howell	F	6-6	So.	Cadillac, MI / Cadillac
10	Justin Fisher	G	6-3	So.	Hudsonville, MI / Hudsonville
11	Carter Bishop	G	6-3	Jr.	Holt, MI / Holt
12	Jared Rg	G	5-10	Jr.	Arlington Heights, IL / John Hersey
13	Orion Yant	F	6-6	Jr.	Zeeland, MI / Zeeland West
20	Kaden Grau	G	6-4	Fr.	Middlebury, IN / Westview
23	Johnny Lake	F	6-5	Fr.	Battle Creek, MI / Pennfield
24	Carter Goodyke	F	6-6	Jr.	Ada, MI / Grand Rapids Christian
25	Ben Mehendale	F/C	6-8	Fr.	Brecksville, OH / Broadview Heights
32	Jacob Van Hekken	G	6-1	Jr.	Holland, MI / Holland
32	Simon Neuhaus	F	6-5	Jr.	Grand Rapids, MI / East Grand Rapids
33	Sean Wesolek	F/C	6-6	So.	Bay City, MI / John Glenn
44	Kyle Blauch	F	6-7	So.	Boulder, CO / Boulder

FLYING DUTCH *BREAKDOWN*

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2-0, 0-0 MIAA



HEAD COACH
GREG MITCHELL
RECORD AT HOPE: *219-106*

HOPE 2026-27 STATISTICAL LEADERS

POINTS	TOT. POINTS	P/G	FG%	3P%	FT%
BRENDAN CARGILL	40	20.0	.560	.273	.750
ORION YANT	27	13.5	.615	.000	.846
SEAN WESOLEK	18	9.0	.727	.500	.500

REBOUNDING	TOT. REBOUNDS	OFF. REB.	DEF. REB.	R/G
KYLE BLAUCH	19	7	12	9.5
ORION YANT	17	8	9	8.5
AVERY SANCHEZ	10	2	8	5.0

ASSISTS	TOT. ASSISTS	A/G
BRADY MILLER	4	2.0
ORION YANT	4	2.0
KYLE BLAUCH	3	1.5

STEALS	TOT. STEALS	ST./G
JARED RYG	4	2.0
ORION YANT	4	2.0
CARTER BISHOP	3	1.5

BLOCKS	TOT. BLOCKS	B/G
BEN MEHENDALE	3	1.5
ORION YANT	3	1.5
CARTER BISHOP	1	0.5