HOPE 2026-27 MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

GAME 4

GAME 4 | NOVEMBER 16, 2026 | 6 P.M. CENTRAL | NAPERVILLE, IL

HOPE COLLEGE
FLYING DUTCH

VS.

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE
CARDINALS

Record	3-0 (0-0 MIAA)
Ranking (d3hoops.com)	nr
Last Game	Nov. 11, v. No. 13 Elmhurst; W,68-62
Head Coach	Greg Mitchell
Record at Hope	220-106 (12th season)

Record	0-1 (0-0 CCIW)
Ranking (d3hoops.com)	nr
Last Game	Nov. 11 v. Aurora; L, 84-86 OT
Head Coach	Vince Kmiec
Record at North Central	33-46 (4th season)

2026-27 TEAM STATISTICS

Points	237	**3 Pt % Defense**	.233
Points/gm	79.0	**3 Pt/gm**	3.3
Pts allowed/gm	61.3	**Free Throw %**	.718
Rebounds/gm	47.3	**Assists/gm**	9.7
Rebound margin	17.3	**Turnovers/gm**	15.0
Field Goal %	.474	**Opp. Turnovers/gm**	13.7
FG % Defense	.341	**Blocks/gm**	5.3
3 Pt %	.222	**Steals/gm**	7.3

2026-27 TEAM STATISTICS

Points	84	**3 Pt % Defense**	.300
Points/gm	84.0	**3 Pt/gm**	12.0
Pts allowed/gm	86.0	**Free Throw %**	.714
Rebounds/gm	43.0	**Assists/gm**	15.0
Rebound margin	-3.0	**Turnovers/gm**	12.0
Field Goal %	.431	**Opp. Turnovers/gm**	10.0
FG % Defense	.397	**Blocks/gm**	3.0
3 Pt %	.400	**Steals/gm**	5.0

2025-26 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Points	Brendan Cargill (56 tot., 18.7/gm)
Field Goals	Brendan Cargill (16 tot., .485)
3-Pointers	Brendan Cargill (3 tot., .200)
Assists	Orion Yant (7 tot., 2.3/gm)
Rebounds	Orion Yant (28 tot., 9.3/gm)
Steals	Orion Yant (5 tot., 1.7/gm)
Shots Blocked	Orion Yant (5 tot., 1.7/gm)

2026-27 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Points	James Bullock Jr. (29 tot., 29.0/gm)
Field Goals	James Bullock Jr. (11 tot., .500)
3-Pointers	James Bullock Jr. (4 tot., .667)
Assists	Tre Davis/ Alejandro Diaz (4 tot., 4.0/gm)
Rebounds	Alejandro Diaz (12 tot., 12.0/gm)
Steals	Eli Podoll (2 tot., 2.0/gm)
Shots Blocked	Alejandro Diaz (2 tot., 2.0/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 **Blue Jays (#13)**	DeVos Fieldhouse | Holland, MI	W, 68-62
Nov. 17	North Central **Cardinals**	Naperville, IL	6 p.m. CT
Nov. 24	Wisconsin-Whitewater **Warhawks**	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 HITS THE ROAD FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS SEASON AT NORTH CENTRAL

The unbeaten Hope College men's basketball team ventures away from the friendly confines at DeVos Fieldhouse for the first time this season with a visit to North Central College.

The 3-0 Flying Dutch will face their College Conference of Illinois-Wisconsin foe for the 13th time overall and the second consecutive season. North Central won last season's game, 65-58, on December 17 at DeVos Fieldhouse.

Hope leads the all-time series, 8-4. The two teams have split their four meetings since they began playing again in 2021. Hope won the 2023 road game and the 2021 meeting in Orlando, Florida.

The Flying Dutch are coming off their biggest win of the season, 68-62, against 13th-ranked Elmhurst College on Saturday at DeVos Fieldhouse. It was the Flying Dutch's first victory over a ranked team since beating seventh-ranked Trine University on Feb. 5, 2025.

Junior forward Orion Yant led all scorers with a season-high 18 points. Yant posted his first double-double this season, yanking down a season-high 11 rebounds. Senior guard Brendan Cargill chipped in 16 points after going 12-of-14 from the foul line. Fourteen of Yant's points came during the first half when the Flying Dutch overcame an early 10-2 deficit to seize a 36-29 halftime lead.

A *HOPE WIN* WOULD....

be the Flying Dutch's second over a CCWI opponent in four days. The Orange and Blue opened the season with two wins against Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference opponents.

give the Flying Dutch their first 4-0 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 ranks in the Top 5 all-time in NCAA Division III.



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

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

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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





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*



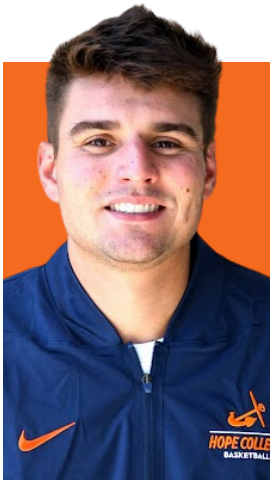
RYAN WADE
Assistant Coach

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
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*

HOPE
FLYING DUTCH
3-0, 0-0 MIAA



HEAD COACH
GREG MITCHELL
RECORD AT HOPE: *220-106*

HOPE 2026-27 STATISTICAL LEADERS

POINTS	TOT. POINTS	P/G	FG%	3P%	FT%
BRENDAN CARGILL	56	18.7	.485	.200	.808
ORION YANT	45	15.0	.593	.000	.684
AVERY SANCHEZ	25	8.3	.667	.000	.818

REBOUNDING	TOT. REBOUNDS	OFF. REB.	DEF. REB.	R/G
ORION YANT	28	12	16	9.3
KYLE BLAUCH	21	8	13	7.0
BRENDAN CARGILL	17	5	12	5.7

ASSISTS	TOT. ASSISTS	A/G
ORION YANT	7	2.3
BRADY MILLER	5	1.7
KYLE BLAUCH	3	1.0

STEALS	TOT. STEALS	ST./G
ORION YANT	5	1.7
JARED RYG	4	1.3
AVERY SANCHEZ	4	1.3

BLOCKS	TOT. BLOCKS	B/G
ORION YANT	5	1.7
BEN MEHENDALE	3	1.5
BRENDAN CARGILL AND SEAN WESOLEK	2	0.7