HOPE 2026 MEN'S SOCCER GAME NOTES



GAME 18

GAME 18| NOV. 16, 2026 | 7 P.M. ET | ALBION, MI

VS.

HOPE COLLEGE
FLYING DUTCH

Record 12-2-3 (4-1-2 MIAA)
Ranking (USC) N/A
Last Game Oct. 31, 2026 v. Alma; W, 7-0
Head Coach David Blahnik
Record at Hope 55-20-17 (5th season)

2026 TEAM STATISTICS

Goals | opp.	59 | 16
Goals/game | opp.	3.47 | 0.94
Shots/game | opp.	21.5 | 8.6
Shots on goal | opp.	173 | 60
SOG % | opp.	.474 | .408
Assists | opp.	47 | 11
Saves | opp.	44 | 114
Corner Kicks | opp.	121 | 62

2026 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Goals	Seth Walters (15)
Assists	Seth Walters (7)
Shots	Seth Walters (87)
Shots on Goal	Seth Walters (42)
Game-Winning Goals	Jackson Mindling (5)
Saves	Cooper Hutt (43)
Points	Seth Walters (37)

ALBION COLLEGE
BRITONS

Record 8-4-4(4-0-3 MIAA)
Ranking (USC) N/A
Last Game Oct. 27, 2026, at Trine; T, 0-0
Head Coach Wytse Molenaar
Record at Albion 65-71-23 (11th season)

2026 TEAM STATISTICS

Goals | opp.	29 | 13
Goals/game | opp.	1.81 | 0.81
Shots/game | opp.	192 | 178
Shots on goal | opp.	87 | 68
SOG % | opp.	.453 | .382
Assists | opp.	20 | 6
Saves | opp.	55 | 58
Corner Kicks | opp.	95 | 82

2026 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Goals	Ivan Murillo (6)
Assists	Christian Orpineda (5)
Shots	Christian Orpineda (34)
Shots on Goal	Christian Orpineda (15)
GWG	Christian Orpineda (2)
Saves	Tom Veresh (55)
Points	Ivan Murillo (13)



2025 SCHEDULE

Sep. 1	Adrian **Bulldogs**	Holland, MI	W, 2-0
Sep. 5	Concordia Chicago **Cougars**	River Forest, IL	W, 9-0
Sept. 8	Illinois Tech **Scarlet Hawks**	Holland, MI	W, 3-0
Sept. 11	Illinois College **Blue Boys**	Holland, MI	W, 3-0
Sept. 8	Ohio Northern **Polar Bears**	Franklin, IN	T, 3-3
Sept. 17	Roanoke **Maroons**	Salem, VA	W, 4-1
Sept. 19	Lynchburg **Hornets**	Salem, VA	L, 2-1
Sept. 24	Oberlin **Yeomen**	Holland, MI	W, 3-1
Sept. 26	La Roche **Redhawks**	Pittsburgh, PA	W, 6-1
Sept. 30	Lake Michigan College **Red Hawks**	Holland, MI	W, 7-0
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

MEN'S SOCCER RETURNS TO ALBION WITH BERTH IN MIAA TOURNAMENT FINALS ON THE LINE

The Hope College men's soccer team looks to build an explosive start to the MIAA Tournament with a semifinal victory at Albion College. The second-seeded Flying Dutch are coming off a 7-0 quarterfinal victory against sixth-seeded Alma College on Saturday at Van Andel Soccer Stadium that tied the MIAA Tournament record for goals in a postseason match.

Hope received two-goal games against the Scots from the Orange and Blue's two leading scorers: senior forward Seth Walters (15) and junior forward Jackson Mindling (13).

The victory was the Flying Dutch's 12th of the season and improved their record to 12-2-3. One of those draws came at Albion in a 1-1 tied on October 7 in the MIAA opener. Both goals came about four mintues apart, with Jackson Mindling briefly giving Hope a 1-0 lead in the 64th minute before the Flying Dutch surrendered an own goal.

This is the teams' 102nd meeting. Hope leads the all-time series, 67-21-13. The Flying Dutch and Albion have never played in MIAA Tournament since the format started in 2011. The winner faces either Calvin or Kalamazoo in the title game on Saturday, Nov. 7.

GAME *NOTES*

QUARTERFINAL RECAP

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. 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's 2016 effort vs. Albion. 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.

MIAA TOURNAMENT HISTORY

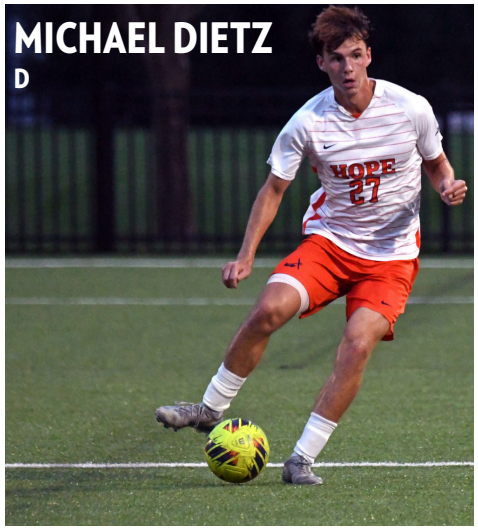
The Flying Dutch seek their seventh trip to the MIAA Tournament championship game and their second in a row. Hope lost in the 2024 finals at home to Caklvin, 2-0. The Orange and Blue are 11-7-2 all-time in the MIAA Tournament and 6-5 in semifinals games. Hope snapped a two-game semifinal losing streak last season with a 4-1 victory against Adrian.

IF THE GAME GOES TO PKS

It's been a while, but the Flying Dutch are no stranger to MIAA Tournament games decided by penalty kicks. Hope has advanced once when the format was used after the score ended tie after two overtimes, topping Calvin in PKs, 5-4, in the 2013 finals after the score was deadlocked 1-1. Calvin returned the favor in 2019, advancing on PKs, 4-3, after the teams played to a scoreless draw.

ON A TEAR

The Flying Dutch rebounded from a last-second, 3-2 loss at home to Calvin on October 16 at Van Andel Soccer Stadium, winning their last four games by a combined margin of 19-2 against Olivet, Kalamazoo and Alma during the regular season and Alma for the second time in five games in the MIAA Tournament on Halloween. The current winning streak is tied for the longest of the season, equaling a run between September 1-11.



HIGH-POWERED OFFENSE

Hope is scoring at a rare clip in Division III this season, tying Montclair State from the New Jersey Athletic Conference for fourth in the nation at 3.47 goals per game. The Flying Dutch only stand behind Calvin (4.0) from the MIAA, Wisconsin-Superior (3.70) from the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference, and Saint John's (3.63) from the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

FORWARD THINKING

Forwards Seth Walters and Jackson Mindling drive the Flying Dutch with their prolific scoring. Walters, a senior, leads the MIAA with a career-best 15 goals and is tied for ninth in Division III with 0.88 goals per game. Mindling is second on the team and in the MIAA with a career-high 13 goals this season, including a team-best five game winners. Hope has outscored opponents 59-16 this season.

ELITE COMPANY

Seth Walters has reached lofty heights this season with 44 career goals, the fourth-most in Hope history. The electrical engineering trails Jim DeJulio (49, 1976-79), Brad Pagratis (47, 1991-94), and Jerry Nyanor (45, 1984-86). Walters broke a tie with Darren Bennett (1979-82) by posting his multi-goal game of the season against Alma on Saturday.

STINGY DEFENSE

The Flying Dutch have shut out six opponents this season, including three from the MIAA: Adrian on September 1 in a non-league game, Olivet on October 21, and Alma on October 31. After the Adrian win in the season opener, Hope also blanked Concordia Chicago, Illinois Tech and Illinois College.

HOPE *SUPERLATIVES*

SEASON BREAKDOWN

MOST POINTS: 27, vs. Concordia Chicago, Sept. 5
FEWEST POINTS: 3, three times (at Lynchburg on Sept. 19, at Albion on Oct. 7, at Adrian on Oct. 10, vs. Trine on Oct. 13)
MOST INDIVIDUAL POINTS: 7 (Seth Walters at Roanoke on Sept. 19)
MOST GOALS SCORED: 9 vs. Concordia Chicago, Sept. 5
FEWEST GOALS SCORED: 1, three times (at Lynchburg on Sept. 19, at Albion on Oct. 7, at Adrian on Oct. 10)
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)
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 on 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: 1, at Ohio Northern, Sept. 12
MOST FOULS: 14, at Albion, Oct. 27
FEWEST FOULS: 2 at Alma, Oct. 27

MOST OPPOSING POINTS: 10 at Ohio Northern, Sept. 12
MOST OPPOSING GOALS: 3, twice (at Ohio Northern on Sept. 12, vs. Calvin on Oct. 16)
MOST OPPOSING ASSISTS: 4 at Ohio Northern, Sept. 12
MOST OPPOSING SHOTS: 25 at Notre Dame, Sept. 30
FEWEST OPPOSING SHOTS: 18. twice (at Ohio Northern on Sept. 12, at Lynchburg on Sept. 19)
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, twice (at Ohio Northern on Sept. 12, at Roanoke on Sept. 17)
MOST OPPOSING CORNER KICKS: 10 at Ohio Northern n Sept. 12
FEWEST OPPOSING CORNER KICKS: 1, at Concordia Chicago on Sept. 5
MOST OPPOSING FOULS: 15, vs. Adrian, Sept. 1
FEWEST OPPOSING FOULS: 4, at Alma, Oct. 27

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

HOPE
FLYING DUTCH
11-5-2 6-0-1 MIAA



HEAD COACH
DAVID BLAHNIK
RECORD AT HOPE: *55-20-17*

HOPE 2026 STATISTICAL LEADERS

	GOALS	ASSISTS	SHOTS	SOG
SETH WALTERS	15	7	87	42
JACKSON MINDLING	13	4	80	35
RYKER CORSTANGE	10	5	44	23

	GWG	SHOT %
JACKSON MINDLING	5	.438
RYKER CORSTANGE	3	.523
SETH WALTERS	1	.483

	SAVES	SHUTOUTS	GAA
COOPER HUTT	43	4	.96
JUSTIN KUIPER	1	0	.00

OPPONENT *BREAKDOWN*

ALBION
BRITONS
8-4-4, 4-0-3 MIAA



HEAD COACH
WYTSE MOLENAAR
RECORD AT ALBION: *65-71-23*

ALBION 2026 STATISTICAL LEADERS

	GOALS	ASSISTS	SHOTS	SOG
IVAN MURILLO	6	1	32	13
CHRISTIAN ORPINEDA	3	5	34	15
ESTEBAN MERCADO	3	1	14	6

	GWG	SHOT %
CHRISTIAN ORPINEDA	2	.441
IVAN MURILLO	1	.406
ESTEBAN MERCADO	1	.429

	SAVES	GAA
TOM VERESH	55	.82