HOPE 2026-27 MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES



GAME 1

GAME 1 | NOVEMBER. 6, 2026 | 7:30 P.M. | HOLLAND, MI | DEVOS FIELDHOUSE

HOPE COLLEGE
FLYING DUTCH

VS.

ANDERSON UNIVERSITY
RAVENS



Record	0-0 (0-0 MIAA)
Ranking (d3hoops.com)	nr
Last Game	March 6, 2026 v. Wis-Lacrosse; L, 75-61
Head Coach	Greg Mitchell
Record at Hope	2167-106 (13th season)

Record	0-0 (0-0 HCAC)
Ranking (d3hoops.com)	nr
Last Game	Feb. 28, 2026 v. Transylvania; L, 91-79
Head Coach	Carter Collins
Record at Anderson	81-31 (5th season)

2025-26 TEAM STATISTICS

Points	2120	**3 Pt % Defense**	.333
Points/gm	75.7	**3 Pt/gm**	5.3
Pts allowed/gm	72.6	**Free Throw %**	.705
Rebounds/gm	35.6	**Assists/gm**	11.9
Rebound margin	1.1	**Turnovers/gm**	12.0
Field Goal %	.453	**Opp. Turnovers/gm**	13.8
FG % Defense	.442	**Blocks/gm**	3.6
3 Pt %	.282	**Steals/gm**	9.0

2025-26 TEAM STATISTICS

Points	2258	**3 Pt % Defense**	.320
Points/gm	80.6	**3 Pt/gm**	11.2
Pts allowed/gm	79.5	**Free Throw %**	.696
Rebounds/gm	38.6	**Assists/gm**	163.2
Rebound margin	0.8	**Turnovers/gm**	12.6
Field Goal %	.445	**Opp. Turnovers/gm**	14.1
FG % Defense	.439	**Blocks/gm**	3.1
3 Pt %	.333	**Steals/gm**	9.1

2025-26 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Points	Brendan Cargill (359 tot., 16.1/gm)
Field Goals	Brendan Cargill (121 tot., .445)
3-Pointers	Brendan Cargill (54 tot., .362)
Assists	Avery Sanchez (41 tot., 1.5/gm)
Rebounds	Orion Yant (136 tot.,5.0/gm)
Steals	Brendan Cargill (36 tot., 1.3/gm)
Shots Blocked	Orion Yant (29 tot., 1.1/gm)

2025-26 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Points	Kenney Troutman (426 tot., 15.8/gm)
Field Goals	Bryce Williams (149 tot., .461)
3-Pointers	Kenney Troutman (88 tot., .395)
Assists	Bryce Williams (130 tot., 4.8/gm)
Rebounds	Elijah Mattingly (256 tot., 9.8/gm)
Steals	Bryce Williams (43 tot., 1.6/gm)
Shots Blocked	Elijah Mattingly (32 tot., 1.2/gm)

2026-27 SCHEDULE

Nov. 6	Anderson **Ravens**	DeVos Fieldhouse | Holland, MI	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Franklin **Grizzlies**	DeVos Fieldhouse | Holland, MI	5 p.m.
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 TIPS OFF SEASON AGAINST FAMILIAR FOE: ANDERSON

A trusting Hope College men's basketball team is keen on starting the 2026-27 season stronger together. Head coach Greg Mitchell says his Flying Dutch — who surged late last season to become MIAA Tournament champions for the fourth time in five years and finished with an 18-10 record — are determined to be ready to compete at a high level from the opening tip.

Hope opens the season with two home games against Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference opponents this weekend at DeVos Fieldhouse, beginning with familiar foe Anderson University on Friday, Nov. 6, at 5:30 p.m. The teams are playing for the sixth time since the 2018-19 season.

The Flying Dutch's roster of 17 features nine juniors, five sophomores and three freshmen. Guard Brendan Cargill is Hope's top returner. The 5-10 guard earned All-MIAA Second Team honors last season after averaging 12.8 points per game and hitting 54 of 121 made baskets from 3-point range. Forward Orion Yant nearly scored in double digits last season, finishing at 9.8 points per game. The 6-6 junior totaled a team-leading 22 points and seven rebounds during an NCAA Tournament first-round loss to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse on the road. Forward Kyle Blauch, a 6-7 junior, forward Charles Howell, a 6-6 junior, and guard Avery Sanchez, a 6-1 sophomore all return with starting experience for the Flying Dutch.

A *HOPE WIN* WOULD....

be the Flying Dutch's second in a row against Anderson and the fifth in six tries. Hope won last season, 98-83, at Anderson. The Ravens took the last game between the two at DeVos Fieldhouse, 80-78, in the 2024 season opener.

be the Orange and Blue's 1,756th in program history. Hope entered the season with a 1,755-846 overall record (.675) after 121 seasons that ranks in the Top 5 among active Division III teams.



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.



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