# HOPE 2026-27 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES




GAME 1

**GAME 1** | NOVEMBER. 6, 2026 | 5:30 P.M. ET | HOLLAND, MI | DEVOS FIELDHOUSE

HOPE COLLEGE
**FLYING DUTCH**

VS.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-PLATTEVILLE
**PIONEERS**

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| **Record** | 0-0 (0-0 MIAA) |
| **Ranking (WBCA/D3hoops)** | 8th/4th |
| **Last Game** | Mar. 13, 2026 v. Chicago; L, 55-52 |
| **Head Coach** | Brian Morehouse |
| Record at Hope | 758-107 (31th season) |

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| **Record** | 0-0 (0-0 WIAC) |
| **Ranking (WBCA/D3hoops)** | 20th/17th |
| **Last Game** | Mar 6, 2026 v. Coe, L, 69-51 |
| **Head Coach** | Kelly McNiff |
| Record at Platteville | 75-88 (7th season) |

## 2025-26 TEAM STATISTICS

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| **Points** | 2284 | **3 Pt % Defense** | .275 |
| **Points/gm** | 76.1 | **3 Pt/gm** | 7.6 |
| **Pts. Allowed/gm** | 55.3 | **Free Throw %** | .697 |
| **Rebounds/gm** | 41.1 | **Assists/gm** | 12.2 |
| **Rebound margin** | 6.6 | **Turnovers/gm** | 13.5 |
| **Field Goal %** | .433 | **Opp. Turnovers/gm** | 19.4 |
| **FG % Defense** | .362 | **Shots Blocked/gm** | 3.6 |
| **3 Pt %** | .365 | **Steals/gm** | 11.5 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| **Points** | 1636 | **3 Pt % Defense** | .279 |
| **Points/gm** | 60.6 | **3 Pt/gm** | 5.4 |
| **Pts. Allowed/gm** | 56.4 | **Free Throw %** | .664 |
| **Rebounds/gm** | 37.0 | **Assists/gm** | 10.9 |
| **Rebound margin** | 3.3 | **Turnovers/gm** | 15.0 |
| **Field Goal %** | .391 | **Opp. Turnovers/gm** | 15.6 |
| **FG % Defense** | .369 | **Shots Blocked/gm** | 2.9 |
| **3 Pt %** | .303 | **Steals/gm** | 8.8 |

## 2025-26 STATISTICAL LEADERS

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|---|---|
| **Points** | Anna Richards (68 tot., 12.3/gm) |
| **Field Goals** | Anna Richards (140 tot., .440) |
| **3-Pointers** | Maddie Petroelje (69 tot., .460) |
| **Assists** | Terin Maynard (71 tot., 2.4/gm) |
| **Rebounds** | Leah Richards (216 tot., 7.2/gm) |
| **Steals** | Leah Richards (51 tot., 1.7/gm) |
| **Shots Blocked** | Maddie Petroelje (21 tot., 0.7/gm) |

## 2025-26 STATISTICAL LEADERS

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|---|---|
| **Points** | Ella Mackiewicz (411 tot., 15.2/gm) |
| **Field Goals** | Ella Mackiewicz (153 tot., .440) |
| **3-Pointers** | Ella Mackiewicz (33 tot., .308) |
| **Assists** | Ella Mackiewicz (52 tot., 1.9/gm) |
| **Rebounds** | Ella Mackiewicz (166 tot., 6.1/gm) |
| **Steals** | Ella Mackiewicz (57 tot., 2.1/gm) |
| **Shots Blocked** | Ella Mackiewicz (25 tot., 0.9/gm) |

# *HOPE TIPS OFF SEASON VS. WIS-PLATTEVILLE AT MICHELE SCHOON TOURNAMENT*

The Hope College women's basketball team enters the 2026-27 season looking to build on the momentum of a 26-4 campaign, an NCAA Division III Sweet 16 appearance, and a No. 8 national ranking in the WBCA Coaches' Poll to end last season.

Although the Flying Dutch graduated three seniors, they return a strong nucleus—including 82 percent of their scoring output from a year ago.

Hope opens the 2026-27 campaign ranked No. 4 in the D3hoops.com Preseason Top 25 poll and No. 8 in the WBCA Coaches' Poll.

Head coach Brian Morehouse. who returns for his 31st season, says the blend of upperclassmen and newcomers on the team has been nice during the build-up to the season opener. "We have approached the preseason with the idea we're trying to get better every day as opposed to making a gigantic leap in one practice," Morehouse said. "It's nice to see our captains do a great job as well."

The Flying Dutch's first game is against the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in the Michele Schoon Tournament. Hope will next face either Illinois Wesleyan University or Ohio Wesleyan University.



## 2026-27 SCHEDULE

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| NCAA | **Nov. 7** | Illinois Wesleyan/Ohio Wesleyan<br>DeVos Fieldhouse \| Holland, MI | 3 p.m. |
| | **Nov. 13** | Wittenberg **Tigers**<br>DeVos Fieldhouse \| Holland, MI | 7 p.m. |
| | **Nov. 14** | DePauw **Tigers**<br>DeVos Fieldhouse \| Holland, MI | 3 p.m. |
| | **Nov. 20** | Mount Union **Raiders**<br>Alliance, OH | 7 p.m. |
| NCAA | **Nov. 21** | Case Western/Oberlin<br>Alliance, OH | TBA |
| | **Nov. 24** | Carthage **Firebirds**<br>Kenosha, WI | 5 p.m. CT |
| | **Dec. 5** | Saint Mary's **Belles**<br>DeVos Fieldhouse \| Holland, MI | 3 p.m. |
| | **Dec. 9** | Kalamazoo **Hornets**<br>DeVos Fieldhouse \| Holland, MI | 7 p.m. |
| | **Dec. 12** | Alma **Scots**<br>Alma, MI | 1 p.m. |

## A *HOPE WIN* WOULD....

be the Flying Dutch's 27th season-opening victory. Hope's last opening loss came on Nov. 19, 1999, to Wisconsin-Stout, 80-69, at Capital.

improve the Flying Dutch to 2-0 vs. Platteville. Hope won, 75-59, at Platteville on November 11, 2023.

start the Michele Schoon Tournament successfully. The two-day tournament honors the legacy of Michele Sterk '91 School, Michele, a member of the 1990 Women's Basketball national championship team and the 2023 recipient of the Hope for Humanity Award. She passed away in May of 2023 after a battle with breast cancer.




## 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

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| First Season | 1972 |
| Seasons | 52 |
| All-Time Record | 1,022-357 |
| Conference Titles (Last) | 20 (2024) |
| NationalTitles (Last) | 3 (2022) |

### TEAM INFO

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|---|---|
| 2025-26 Overall Record | 26-3 |
| 2025-26 Conference Record | 14-2 |
| 2025-26 Home Record | 15-0 |
| 2025-26 Away Record | 9-2 |
| 2025-26 Neutral Record | 3-1 |

## QUICK *FACTS*

| | |
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| 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<br>Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association |
| Conference Website | https://miaa.org |
| Ticket Office | 616-395-7890 |

## HOPE BASKETBALL COMMUNICATIONS STAFF

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| Facebook | /Hope College Women's Basketball |
| X | @HopeCollegeWBB |
| Instagram | @hopewbb |

## FACILITY

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

## COACHING STAFF

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| Head Coach | Brian Morehouse |
| Associate Head Coach | Courtney Kust |
| Assistant Coach | Colly Carlson |
| Assistant Coach | Austin Randel |

## SUPPORT STAFF

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|---|---|
| Strength & Conditioning Coach | Dan Margritz |
| Head Athletic Trainer | Tim Koberna |





# BRIAN MOREHOUSE *HEAD COACH*

Brian Morehouse '91 has developed the Hope College women's basketball team into one of the nation's elite programs during his tenure, guiding the Flying Dutch to national championships in 2022 and 2006 and a national runner-up finish in 2010 as well as 18 MIAA championships. Morehouse has guided the Flying Dutch to a 756-108 record (.877) over 30 seasons.

On January 13, 2024, Morehouse became the fastest collegiate basketball coach to 700 wins with a 79-77, double-overtime victory against Alma College at DeVos Fieldhouse in his 795th game. He broke the collegiate record set by Mark Campbell of Union University, Tenn. (811 games) and the NCAA record set by Kim Mulkey of Louisiana State (813 games).

In 2022, Morehouse guided the Flying Dutch to the third national title in team history and a 32-1 overall record. Hope extended a winning streak to 61 games over three seasons — tying for the third-longest in NCAA Division III history.

In 2021, Morehouse led Hope to a 16-0 record in a season shortened by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Flying Dutch's 45-game winning streak set a school record and ranked as the eighth-longest in NCAA Division III history.

In 2020, Morehouse guided Hope to being the only undefeated team in Division III women's basketball with the No. 1 ranking. The Flying Dutch were one of 16 teams in title contention before the NCAA Tournament was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. It also marked the 22nd consecutive time the Flying Dutch had earned at least 20 wins during his tenure.

During the 2020 season, Morehouse reached the 600-win mark in his 690th game — faster than, at the time, any basketball coach in NCAA history at any level, women's or men's.

Morehouse has been chosen as the Division III National Coach of the Year three times by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (2021, 2020, 2006). He was also named Division III Coach of the Year by D3hoops.com (2019-20).

Morehouse was selected as the 2024 MIAA Women's Basketball Coach of the Year by his peers after leading the Flying Dutch to a fourth consecutive regular season title and seventh consecutive MIAA Tournament title game appearance.

Morehouse has been named the Michigan Collegiate women's basketball coach of the year by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan four times in his career (2001-02, 2007-08, 2011-12, 2015-16). Morehouse is ranked among Division III's elite active coaches by winning percentage.

In 2024, Morehouse was selected as serve as an on-court coach for the USA Women's Under 17 Team Trials in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Morehouse's basketball roots run deep. His father, Dean, was the boy's basketball coach at Fremont (Mich.) High School. He joined son Brian as an assistant coach in 2000-01. Brian and Dean were honored as "Hometown Heroes" during the 2006 National Baby Food Festival in Fremont.

Morehouse currently represents MIAA coaches on the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Conference Captains Committee and serves as a member of the WBCA board. He also serves as a member of the board of the Hand Up Fund, and is involved with Special Olympics and Holland Area Hospice.

## *YEAR-BY-YEAR* AS HEAD COACH

| *YEAR* | *RECORD* | *NOTES* |
|---|---|---|
| 2025-26 | 26-4 | 2nd in MIAA, 2-0 NCAA |
| 2024-25 | 21-5 | 2nd in MIAA |
| 2023-24 | 26-4 | 1st in MIAA, 2-1 NCAA |
| 2022-23 | 26-3 | T1 in MIAA, 1-1 NCAA |
| 2021-22 | 32-1 | T1 MIAA, 6-0 NCAA |
| 2020-21 | 16-0 | 1st in MIAA, 2-1 NCAA |
| 2019-20 | 29-0 | 1st in MIAA, 3-0 NCAA |
| 2018-19 | 24-5 | 2nd in MIAA, 1-1 NCAA |
| 2017-18 | 29-2 | 1st in MIAA, 3-1 NCAA |
| 2016-17 | 24-5 | 2nd in MIAA, 2-1 NCAA |
| 2015-16 | 26-2 | 1st in MIAA, 0-1 NCAA |
| 2014-15 | 25-5 | 2nd in MIAA |
| 2013-14 | 28-1 | 1st in MIAA, 1-1 NCAA |
| 2012-13 | 29-2 | T1 in MIAA, 3-1 NCAA |
| 2011-12 | 22-5 | 2nd in MIAA |
| 2010-11 | 27-3 | T1 in MIAA, 1-1 NCAA |
| 2009-10 | 32-2 | 1st in MIAA, 5-1 NCAA |
| 2008-09 | 28-2 | 1st in MIAA, 3-1 NCAA |
| 2007-08 | 30-1 | 1st in MIAA, 3-1 NCAA |
| 2006-07 | 24-4 | 2nd in MIAA, 0-1 NCAA |
| 2005-06 | 33-1 | 1st in MIAA, 6-0 NCAA |
| 2004-05 | 23-4 | T1 in MIAA |
| 2003-04 | 23-4 | 2nd in MIAA |
| 2002-03 | 31-1 | 1st in MIAA, 3-1 NCAA |
| 2001-02 | 27-3 | 1st in MIAA, 1-1 NCAA |
| 2000-01 | 25-3 | 1st in MIAA, 0-1 NCAA |
| 1999-01 | 21-5 | 1st in MIAA |
| 1998-99 | 20-7 | 2nd in MIAA, 0-1 NCAA |
| 1997-98 | 16-11 | 2nd in MIAA, 01 NCAA |
| 1996-97 | 15-12 | 4th in MIAA |

## COACHING *STAFF*



### COURTNEY KUST
Associate Head Coach

Courtney Kust '13 became Hope College's associate head women's basketball coach prior to the 2023-24 season. Kust had served as an assistant coach for the Flying Dutch the previous nine seasons and as the college's Assistant Athletic Director of Events since July 1, 2019. In 2018, Kust was named a member of the Women's Basketball Coaches' Association "Thirty Under 30 Class". A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Kust played basketball for the Flying Dutch. She was a member of the 2010 national runner-up team.



### COLLY CARLSON
Assistant Coach

Colly Carlson '92 has been on the Hope College women's basketball coaching staff since the 2005-06 season. Before that, Carlson coached high school basketball for 13 years. He teaches at Hamilton High School and is in his 22nd year of teaching social studies there. Carlson and his wife, Kristie (Gauntt) Carlson, are both graduates of Hope College in 1992. They live in Hamilton with their four children — triplets Sydney, Samantha and Spencer, and son Reece.



### AUSTIN RANDEL
Assistant Coach

Austin Randel joined Hope College Women's Basketball as a junior varsity coach and assistant varsity coach prior to the 2021-22 season. Randel brings six seasons of women's basketball collegiate coaching experience to the Flying Dutch, including four seasons over two stints at NAIA Aquinas College and two seasons at Calvin University. He was named interim head coach at Calvin during the 2018-19 season. Randel played collegiately at NCAA Division II North Greenville University and Ferris State University.

## *2026-27* NUMERICAL ROSTER

| NO. | NAME | Pos. | Ht. | Yr. | Hometown (High School) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Chloe Brunsberg | G | 5-10 | Sr. | Chaska, MN / SW Christian |
| 3 | Bayli Stewart | G | 5-8 | So. | Cement City, MI / Western |
| 4 | Sophia Prins | G | 5-5 | Fr. | Byron Center, MI / South Christian |
| 5 | Katie Blazei | C | 6-1 | Jr. | Franklin, WI / Martin Luther |
| 10 | Anna Richards | G | 6-0 | Jr. | DeWitt, MI / Lansing Catholic |
| 11 | Josie DeSmit | G | 5-6 | So. | Hudsonville, MI / Hudsonville |
| 12 | Emma Yakey | G | 5-8 | Sr. | Saint Charles, IL / Saint Charles |
| 14 | Payton Wallin | G | 6-0 | Fr. | Minooka, IL / Yorkville Christian |
| 15 | Grayson Guy | F/C | 6-0 | Sr. | Petoskey, MI / Petoskey |
| 20 | Leah Richards | C/F | 6-2 | Jr. | DeWitt, MI / Lansing Catholic |
| 21 | Lizzie Wolthuis | G | 5-11 | Fr. | Byron Center, MI / South Christian |
| 22 | Terin Maynard | G | 5-6 | Sr. | Grand Rapids, MI / Jenison |
| 23 | Olivia Jones | G | 5-9 | Fr. | Pendleton, IN / Pendleton Heights |
| 24 | Gillian Sorrelle | G | 5-9 | So. | Grand Haven, MI / Grand Haven |
| 32 | Sydney Bode | F/C | 6-3 | So. | Ballwin, MO / Marquette |
| 34 | Maddie Petroelje | G/F | 6-1 | Jr. | Hudsonville, MI / Hudsonville |