



Wittenberg University Men's Basketball

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Tigers host Marian, Baldwin-Wallace, Illinois College in annual Kiwanis-Wittenberg Holiday Classic

1st Round: Marian (12-3) vs. Baldwin-Wallace (3-6) • Wittenberg (8-1) vs. Illinois College (4-2)

Friday, Dec. 28/29, 2001 • 6 & 8 p.m./3 & 8 p.m. • HPER Center (Cap. 3,000)

Probable Marian Starters:						
Yr.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG		Hometown
G Brad Metzger	Jr.	6-0	6.3	3.6	5.6	Lafayette, Ind.
G Wes Carmony	Sr.	6-1	9.8	5.1	0.9	Greensfield, Ind.
F David Meece	Jr.	6-6	13.0	3.6	1.3	West Harrison, Ind.
F Montay Crowder	Sr.	6-5	6.4	4.1	0.7	Indianapolis, Ind.
F James Gardner	Sr.	6-2	18.5	5.8	2.3	Indianapolis, Ind.
Probable BWC Starters:						
Yr.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG		Hometown/High School
G Jason Schefft	Sr.	6-2	12.4	3.8	2.4	Mentor, Ohio/Mentor
G Jon Carroll	Jr.	6-0	11.8	2.3	3.6	Berea, Ohio/Midpark
G Shawn McCormick	So.	6-4	20.0	7.1	2.9	Massillon, Ohio/Jackson
F Thad Davis	Fr.	6-3	14.0	5.7	0.4	Elyria, Ohio/Open Door
F Craig Budziak	Jr.	6-2	10.2	4.2	1.1	Mentor, Ohio/Mentor
Probable WU Starters:						
Yr.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG		Hometown/High School
G Greg Rustad	Sr.	5-10	10.8	2.8	2.0	Lakewood, Ohio/Lakewood
G Mark Borland	So.	5-9	9.7	2.7	4.7	Kettering, Ohio/Alter
F Chad Mossing	Sr.	6-4	10.7	1.4	1.0	Maumee, Ohio/Holland Springfield
F Kevin Longley	Jr.	6-7	10.4	7.7	1.8	Vandalia, Ohio/Butler
C B.J. Harris	Jr.	6-8	11.6	7.8	2.4	Riverside, Ohio/Stebbins
Probable IC Starters:						
Yr.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG		Hometown/High School
G Matt Petefish	Jr.	5-11	16.2	6.0	5.5	Ashland, Ill./A-C Central
G Robert Anderson	Jr.	6-3	5.2	5.8	1.0	Hartsburg, Ill./Hartsburg-Emden
G Chad Tobin	Jr.	5-11	10.7	3.7	4.2	Jacksonville, Ill./Jacksonville
F Brad Kassing	Sr.	6-5	6.8	4.3	1.5	Mt. Sterling, Ill./Brown Co.
C Garrett Ingram	Jr.	6-10	14.7	6.5	0.8	Mt. Sterling, Ill./Brown Co.

TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW:

The Wittenberg University Tigers return to action in a big way this weekend as they play host to a strong field of teams in the Kiwanis-Wittenberg Holiday Classic at the HPER Center in Springfield, Ohio. Joining the 8-1 Tigers are the 4-2 Illinois College Blueboys, the 12-3 Marian College Knights and the 3-6 Baldwin-Wallace College Yellow Jack-

ets. The Tigers are off to a tremendous start once again as they look to extend a phenomenal string of 45 consecutive non-losing seasons. Coming off a 24-4 season a year ago in which they won the NCAC regular season championship and advanced to the NCAA Division III regional semifinals, Wittenberg features a balanced, deep offensive attack. Junior center **B.J. Harris** leads five players averaging double figures in points per game, and he also tops the squad with 7.8 rebounds per outing.

The Tigers, who led the nation in rebounding margin a year ago and weren't beaten on the boards in a regular season game, are once again dominating in that area, garnering 13.4 more caroms than their foes.

Baldwin-Wallace is struggling as the Yellow Jackets attempt to extend a school-record string of 13 straight winning seasons. Competing in the always-tough Ohio Athletic Conference, BWC is led by

all-everything sophomore guard **Shawn McCormick**, who leads the team in scoring and rebounding. His 20.0 points per game scoring average leads all players heading into this weekend's tournament.

Marian is 12-3 overall and will certainly be a force to be reckoned with in this weekend's action. Leading the charge for the Knights is senior forward **James Gardner**, who plays much bigger than his 6-2 height would indicate. He leads the team with 18.5 points and 5.8 rebounds per game.

Illinois College is off a solid start to the 2001-02 season, led by the inside-outside combination of guard **Matt Petefish** and center **Garrett Ingram**, the tallest player on any tournament roster at 6-10. Petefish is averaging a team-best 16.2 points and 5.5 assists per game, while Ingram drops in 14.7 points per game while collecting a team-high 6.5 rebounds per outing.

THE COACHES:

A 1973 Wittenberg graduate, **Bill Brown** is in his ninth season as the Tigers' head coach with a record of 188-48 (.797). His overall record is 248-147 (.628), including stops at Wooster and Kenyon. Brown's Wittenberg teams have made five NCAA Division III tournament appearances, won three NCAC regular season titles and two NCAC tour-

namment championships. He has been named NCAC Coach of the Year three times (1986, '94 and '01).

Joining him on the sidelines this weekend are Baldwin-Wallace's **Steve Bankson**, who is in his 22nd season coaching the Yellow Jackets and has a BWC record of 310-256 and an overall mark of 591-370 in 27 years of coaching; Marin College's **John Grimes**, who is in his 27th season coaching the Knights and has a career record of 420-257; and Illinois College's **Mike Worrell**, who is in his sixth season leading the Blueboys with a record of 49-70.

RADIO:

WBLY (AM 1600) carries all Wittenberg men's basketball games, with the Voice of the Tigers, **Marty Bannister**, calling the action. He will be on hand for the entire tournament this weekend.

ON THE WEB:

Wittenberg's World Wide Web site offers up-to-date information on all Tiger athletic teams. Scores, results, statistics, news releases and boxscores are available by visiting Wittenberg's athletics home page www5.wittenberg.edu/news/athletics. Wittenberg also offers Internet broadcasts of various sporting events carried by WBLY. Just click on www5.wittenberg.edu/news/athletics/broadcast.html.